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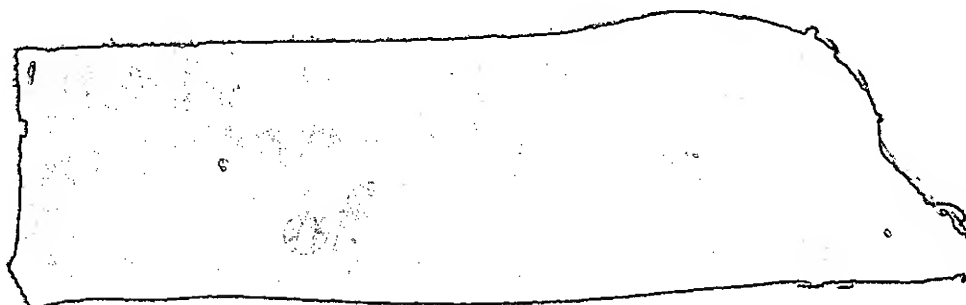
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INVESTIGATION

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Brief description of activity or material <u>Info regarding activities of the OKKKK and individual members thereof. Trouble at Lexington. Activities of HARRY KELLEY.</u>		File where original is located if not attached <b>FOIA(b)7 - (D)</b>
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April 11, 1968  
Jackson, Mississippi

Source learned that ERNEST GILBERT, with BILLY MEANS, was scheduled to go to Canton, Mississippi, to make a talk to the group of UKA, Inc. members in Canton. ERNEST GILBERT and BILLY MEANS met JIMMY KING in Canton; however, no members of the UKA, Inc. showed up for the meeting. Source stated that after the group learned of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., they returned to Jackson, Mississippi. Source stated that evidently there is not too much interest in the Klan activities in Canton, inasmuch as no one showed up for the meeting.

On April 5, 1968, source was able to determine that ERNEST GILBERT was in Prentiss, Mississippi, where he met with Klan members in that area. There were approximately five individuals who met, those being (FNU) BISHOP, BILLY GRAHAM, and two members of the WKKKKOM, whom source did not know. The meeting concerned reactivating the Klan in the Prentiss, Mississippi, area; however, the general consensus was that things have been so bad in the Prentiss area, that people do not want anything further to do with the Klan and source is of the opinion that it would be quite difficult to get a unit of the Klan started with any enthusiasm in that area.

Source learned on April 6, 1968, that Dr. EVERETT MITCHELL from Greenville, Mississippi, says that the FBI is continually harassing SONNY FLOYD regarding KING's death.

Source stated he had been able to determine that ERNEST GILBERT was in contact with all Exalted Cyclops of the OKKKK in reference to the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. It seems that GILBERT was cautioning all of his members to refrain from doing anything which might cause any problem

with the Negro people.

Source stated GILBERT had gone to Lexington, Mississippi, inasmuch as he had heard from W. L. ELLIS that the Negroes were rioting, that is, throwing bottles and burning the town. Source stated that upon arrival in Lexington, GILBERT found that there was no trouble and later returned to Jackson.

CARL SMITH from Monticello, Mississippi, is going to Alabama for several months to work. Someone else, identity unknown at this time, will probably be put in charge to handle CARL SMITH's unit in Monticello.

Source stated that JACK SEALE attended a Province meeting at GEORGE BALLARD's place in Brookhaven, Mississippi, which is the third Province of the UKA, Inc. There were around eight men in attendance at this province meeting. JACK SEALE stated in his opinion there is not very much interest generated on the part of the members in the Brookhaven, Mississippi, area at this time since they had such a poor showing at the province meeting.

Source attended a meeting at a sign painter's place in Greenwood, Mississippi, on April 8, 1968, and stated the individual's first name is ROY (LNU). It seems the Negroes broke his window with a brick and he thereafter painted a sign on the window stating, "This glass broken by a yellow-bellied nigger". Source stated the police, Mayor, and City Attorney have attempted to get him to remove the sign; however, he refuses to do so. Source stated his place is being guarded by Old White Knights members.

Source stated there were about twenty people at the meeting in Greenwood, Mississippi, and they indicated an interest in joining the Community Defense Force (CDF); however, source does not know at this time whether they will be permitted to join. WAYNE QUARRELS wants these men in the CDF; however, source is of the opinion that they will cause irreparable harm to the reputation



of the CDF.

Source was in contact with HARRY KELLEY who indicated that he is going to quit helping the "nuts" after he resolves the J. L. HARPER case and the assault case involving the HAWKINS'. Source stated KELLEY keeps bringing up the bombings and saying the FBI will indict someone for it before long. Source is of the opinion that KELLEY is very worried about something; however, source has been unable to determine at this time exactly what it is.

Source stated that after HARRY KELLEY was arrested by the Sheriff's Department and made bond, he was extremely upset and blamed the FBI for the cause of all his troubles. KELLEY stated the FBI had him arrested for the primary purpose in embarrassing him, inasmuch as he was building up a very good practice, and the FBI does not want him to have a good practice.

Source learned that KELLEY and other individuals who were arrested were making the statement that BURRIS DUNN was the individual who was talking to the FBI; however, JOE DENVER HAWKINS disagreed with them and stated DUNN would not talk.

JOHN POOLE and HARRY KELLEY got together and were going to attempt to set a trap for the individual who is talking and try and catch him. Source was unable to determine what method they were going to use, but felt sure they would put this into effect immediately.

Source stated the only unit of the OKKKK in Rankin County is the one located at Puckett, Mississippi, and GRADY COOK is the Exalted Cyclops of this unit. Source stated the unit is not very active at the present time.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

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Re INTERVIEW OF LONNIE PHIL SMITH, BOARDER,  
ECONOMY BOARDING HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA SEPTEMBER  
2 - 9, 1967.

Enclosed for the Memphis Division are fifteen  
(15) copies each of two FD-302's reflecting investigation  
in this matter.

Enclosed for the Birmingham Division are  
four (4) copies each of two FD-302's reflecting  
investigation in this matter.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 15, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-33861  
Lab. No. D-560575 JK  
D-560573 JK

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Reference: Airtels, 4/10/68, 4/10/68

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Remarks:

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marking tapes with lettering "W 2H 13" and XEP 15"

Specimen received 4/11/68, from FBI, Baltimore

K20 Four samples of tape markings printed with Thermo-Seal  
Machine, Serial Number 32500, obtained from Star  
Laundry, 908 N. Salisbury Boulevard, Salisbury, Maryland

## Result of examination:

It was determined that neither of the machines used to prepare the markings on K17 and K20 was employed to affix the markings appearing on the laundry tapes which were affixed to Q69 and Q70, while the strips of tape, represented by K18, were found to differ in size from the questioned tapes.

K17, K18 and K20 have been retained.

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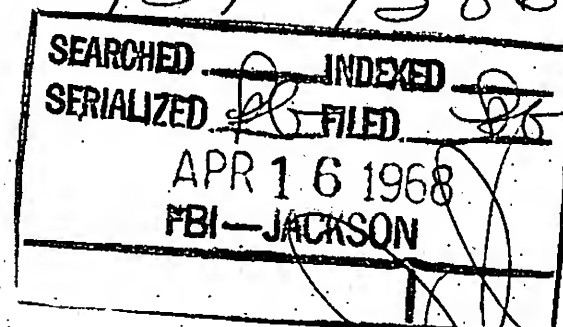
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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

APRIL 16, 1968

SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

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Enclosed for the Memphis Office are two inserts and one FD-302, fifteen copies of each, total 45 enclosures, concerning investigation related to Friendship Inns, State of Mississippi.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN WILLIAM NEELLEY:

Records of the Gilhara Motel, U. S. Route 82, Greenville, Mississippi, were reviewed on April 6, 1968, regarding the names of JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, and WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER. Records were reviewed from March 20, 1968, to April 6, 1968, for the names listed above and for variations of these names with negative results. No names were developed which would fit the description of WILLARD or his aliases.

The Gilhara Motel is a Friendship House Motel and does have the Cashmere Bouquet Soap with the Friendship House wrapper.

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FRIENDSHIP INNS, MISSISSIPPI

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA FRANCIS G. HONAN on April 6, 1968:

Mrs. BROOKS PHILLIPS, owner, Southern Motel  
and Restaurant, Highway 72 West, Corinth, Mississippi,  
advised that a check of her records for the period  
March 30, 1968, to April 6, 1968, failed to indicate  
that any of the following persons were registered at  
the motel:

JOHN WILLARD  
HARVEY LOWMEYER  
WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER

Mrs. MARTHA HILL, Clerk, Town House Motel,  
Highway 45 South, Tupelo, Mississippi, advised that a  
check of her records for the period March 30, 1968, to  
April 6, 1968, failed to indicate that any of the  
following persons were registered at the motel:

JOHN WILLARD  
HARVEY LOWMEYER  
WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/11/68

RAY ADAMS, Manager, Columbus Motel, affiliate of the Friendship Motels, Highway 82 East, Columbus, Mississippi, reviewed his registration records from March 20, 1968, through April 3, 1968, for the following names and advised none of these names could be located in these records:

JOHN WILLARD  
HARVEY LOWMEYER,  
HARVEY LONYER  
ERIC STARVO GALT  
2608 Highland Avenue  
Birmingham, Alabama

The records were also checked for a white Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-389-93 for the same time with negative results.

On 4/11/68 at Columbus, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA LYNN P. SMITH:pdb Date dictated 4/11/68

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Enclosed for the Memphis Division are three FD-302's and one insert, fifteen copies of each, total 60 enclosures, concerning investigation to identify and interview "JACK (LNU)" as set out in Baltimore teletype to Bureau, Memphis and Jackson dated 4/10/68.

The insert sets forth the details of the Baltimore teletype.

2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc 60) (RM)  
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Date 4/12/68

GEORGE W. COVINGTON, residing Bob White Drive, was interviewed at his place of business Covington and Tyner, 243 West Center Street.

COVINGTON advised that his partner WELDON HARVEY TYNER, JR., was working with COVINGTON in the cleaning of a drainage ditch on April 4, 1968.

COVINGTON advised that he could recall this since he kept record of their work day which he had checked and because he remembered Thursday being the day that it rained a good bit.

COVINGTON advised that he and TYNER were working in conjunction with some Canton, Mississippi city employees in the ditch project.

On 4/11/68 at Canton, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JERRY R. PARKER/pac Date dictated 4/12/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/12/68

WELDON HARVEY TYNER, JR., 770 George Street, was interviewed at his place of business, Covington & Tyner Civil Engineers, 243 West Center Street.

TYNER advised that he did attend U. S. Naval Reserve Training Session at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, in March or April of 1966. TYNER advised that at this training session he qualified as an expert with both the M-1 rifle carbine and the .45 caliber automatic service pistol.

TYNER advised that he might have made such a statement as he would like to see MARTIN LUTHER KING killed, but TYNER advised he could not recall for certain whether he made such a statement at the Camp LeJeune Training Session.

TYNER advised he was in Canton, Mississippi, all day on April 4, 1968, and was working with Canton, Mississippi city employees and his partner GEORGE COVINGTON, cleaning a drainage ditch in Canton, Mississippi.

TYNER said he would furnish more names of the city employees if the interviewing Agent anytime in the future thought it was necessary. TYNER advised that no one had ever called TYNER by the first name of JACK.

On 4/11/68 at Canton, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JERRY R. PARKER/pac Date dictated 4/12/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/12/68

Commander CHESTER POOLE, U. S. Naval Reserve Training Center, 728 East Pearl, advised that his personnel records contain a jacket for Lieutenant J.G. WELDON HARVEY TYNER, JR.

POOLE advised his records reflect the following description and miscellaneous information concerning TYNER:

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Name -	WELDON HARVEY TYNER, JR.
Present Rank -	Lieutenant J.G.
Service Number -	U. S. NR 664495/5105
Date of Birth -	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth -	Not Shown
Height -	5'11"
Weight -	160
Hair -	Brown
Eyes -	Brown
Blood type -	A Positive
Address -	770 George Street, Canton, Mississippi
Former address -	1304 Carolyn Avenue, Yazoo City, Mississippi as of November 27, 1962
Father -	WELDON HARVEY TYNER, SR 311 10th Avenue Hattiesburg, Mississippi
Mother -	ANNIE LAURA TYNER 311 10th Avenue, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
Wife -	DOROTHY, 770 George Street, Canton, Mississippi

POOLE advised according to his records, TYNER attended a reserve training session for a construction battalion at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, in April, 1966.

On 4/11/68 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JERRY R. PARKER/pac Date dictated 4/12/68

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POOLE advised that according to his records TYNER was qualified as expert with the M-1 carbine rifle and .45 caliber pistol by B. F. BERKAU, Commander, C.O., MCB24 at the training session. POOLE advised that he could not be sure but he believed that he had heard TYNER called by the name of JACK previously.



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By communication dated April 10, 1968, the Baltimore FBI Office advised that SAM H. SMITH, III, 20 Austin Road, Bloomington, Delaware, employed at Dupont Company, furnished the following information:

In March, 1966, SMITH attended a reserve training session at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, as a member of the Reserve Mobile Construction Battalion, 24th C.B. (seabee). His roommate was an individual known to him as "JACK" (Last Name Unknown), described as a white male, 34 years of age, 5'10", 150 to 155 pounds. This individual was assigned as Commanding Officer of the Second Platoon, A Company, and held the grade of Lieutenant - Junior Grade.

JACK (LNU), during numerous discussions with Mr. SMITH, expressed hostility and hatred toward MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., blaming him for the confusion and discord in this country. He appeared vehement in his criticism of KING and stated someone should kill him. Mr. SMITH states he heard his roommate, JACK, say that if he had the chance he would kill KING himself.

Mr. SMITH described this individual as an expert shot with an M-1 Carbine and attained the second highest score in his division.

Mr. SMITH recalled that JACK was employed as a surveyor and civil engineer in a small partnership in Canton, Mississippi. He resided in Canton and was attached to a C.B. Division at Jackson, Mississippi.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER at Jackson, Mississippi, on April 10, 1968:

Commander CHESTER POOLE, U.S. Naval Reserve Training Center, 748 East Pearl Street, was telephonically contacted to determine the location of the Commandant of the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Detachment at

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Jackson, Mississippi. Commander POOLE advised that he is the Commandant of all Naval installations and operations in the Jackson area, and that the 24th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion is under his command.

Commander POOLE advised that according to his records, the Commanding Officer of the Second Platoon, A Company, 24th C.B., during the training period at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, in 1966 was WELDON HARVEY TYNER, Jr., whom he has known to be called "JACK".

Commander POOLE said he would make available the records of his department concerning TYNER.

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

APRIL 16, 1968

SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Memphis Division are six inserts and one FD-302, fifteen copies of each, total 105 enclosures, concerning investigation in the Jackson Division to locate or identify ERIC STARVO GALT.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA STEPHEN B. KING on April 9, 1968, at Jackson, Mississippi:

Mrs. ~~ESTHER SIMMS~~, Interviewer, Bureau of  
Vital Statistics, Jackson, Mississippi, provided the  
following information:

SIMMS advised that her records contained no  
individual identifiable with ERIC STARVO GALT, date of  
birth July 20, 1931. SIMMS further advised that her  
records contained several individuals with the last name of  
GAULT, but none with similar birthdate as GALT.

SIMMS could provide no further information.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA STEPHEN B. KING on April 9, 1968, at Jackson, Mississippi:

Mrs. ~~JANE B. WHITE~~, Deputy Circuit Clerk, provided  
the following information:

WHITE advised that she would be unable to confirm  
any marriage by ERIC STARVO GALT in the State of Mississippi,  
without a date or approximate date of same marriage.

WHITE further advised that her records from  
October, 1967, to date contained no record of any individual  
by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT as having been married  
in the State of Mississippi.

WHITE could provide no further information.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA STEPHEN B. KING on April 9, 1968, at Jackson, Mississippi:

Mrs. LYNN DEAN, Deputy Chancery Clerk, Hinds  
County, Jackson, Mississippi, provided the following  
information:

DEAN advised her files reveal no individual  
identifiable with ERIC STARVO GALT as having obtained  
a divorce in either Hinds County or the State of Mississippi.

DEAN could provide no further information.



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The following investigation was conducted  
by SA WILLIAM C. MEARNs:

On April 10, 1968, the following individuals  
disclaimed any knowledge of any individuals residing in  
Humphreys County named ERIC STARVO GALT (GALT).

FRANK JANTZ, Mayor, Belzoni, Mississippi  
Sheriff JAMES L. HUFFSTICKLER, Humphreys County,  
Belzoni, Mississippi  
Chief of Police M. L. NICHOLS, Belzoni Police  
Department, Belzoni, Mississippi  
DAN JONES, Credit Bureau, Belzoni, Mississippi  
MICKEY PEDEN, Clerk, Citizens National Bank,  
Belzoni, Mississippi  
BRUCE DUNLAP, Manager, Guaranty Bank and Trust,  
Belzoni, Mississippi

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ERIC STARVO GALT

On April 9, 1968, Mrs. MAE GRANGER, Clerk, Jackson Credit Bureau, Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA ROY F. RODMAN that she was unable to locate any credit record concerning ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 9, 1968, Mr. JOHN W. WEISZ, Vice-President, Deposit Guaranty National Bank, Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER that a search of the indices of that institution covering a five year period under both open and closed accounts for local and suburban branches in the State of Mississippi, failed to disclose any accounts under the name of ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 9, 1968, Mr. ROBERT UPCHURCH, Chief Attorney, Veteran's Administration Regional Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER that a search of the records of the Veteran's Administration for the State of Mississippi, failed to locate any record under the name of ERIC STARVO GALT.

Mr. UPCHURCH advised that he would dispatch a TWX message to the National Office, Veteran's Administration, Washington, D. C., to determine if any record could be located under the name of ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 13, 1968, Mr. ROBERT UPCHURCH, Supra, advised that an indices search at National Office, Veteran's Administration, Washington, D. C., for the name ERIC STARVO GALT was negative.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/10/68

The below-captioned individuals were telephonically contacted to determine if their files contained any information relative to ERIC STARVO GALT. The results of these contacts were negative:

DOROTHY WRIGHT, Manager, Credit Bureau of West Point, West Point, Mississippi;

JESSIE REYNOLDS, Manager, Credit Bureau of Starkville, Starkville, Mississippi;

Mrs. W. J. GILLESPIE, Manager, Credit Bureau of Aberdeen, Mississippi;

MARY HUCKAREE, Credit Bureau of Columbus, Columbus, Mississippi;

EARLINE LIVINGSTON, Merchant Credit Association, Louisville, Mississippi;

JAMES FOWLER, Identification Officer, West Point, Police Department, West Point, Mississippi;

VIRGIL MIDDLETON, Sheriff, Clay County, West Point, Mississippi;

H. H. WALTERS, Chief of Detectives, Columbus Police Department, Columbus, Mississippi;

RICHARD POPERNICK, Chief of Police, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Mississippi;

LENA SCURRIA, City Clerk, Starkville, Mississippi;

On 4/9/68 at Columbus, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA BRENT W. WARBERG &  
SA LYNN P. SMITH:BWW/pdb Date dictated 4/10/68

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DAN ADAMS, Chief of Police, Aberdeen Police  
Department, Aberdeen, Mississippi;

NOBLE GARRETT, Chief of Police, Amory Police  
Department, Amory, Mississippi.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN WILLIAM NEELLEY:

The following were contacted on April 9, and  
April 10, 1968, regarding information concerning ERIC  
STARVO GALT and ERIC STARVO GAULT, with no record being  
located:

Indianola, Mississippi, Police Department  
Bolivar County Sheriff's Office  
Humphreys County Sheriff's Office  
Sunflower County Sheriff's Office  
Washington County Sheriff's Office  
Greenville, Mississippi, Police Department  
Leland, Mississippi, Police Department  
Belzoni, Mississippi, Police Department  
Hollandale, Mississippi, Police Department  
Cleveland, Mississippi, Police Department  
Belzoni, Mississippi, Mayor's Office  
Merchants Credit Bureau, Greenville, Mississippi  
Indianola Credit Bureau, Indianola, Mississippi  
KGW Towing Company, Greenville, Mississippi  
Weathers Towing Company, Greenville, Mississippi  
Brent Towing Company, Greenville, Mississippi  
Wasson Towing Company, Greenville, Mississippi  
McCool-Shurden Towing Company, Greenville, Mississippi  
Commercial National Bank, Greenville, Mississippi  
First National Bank, Greenville, Mississippi  
Greenville Bank, Greenville, Mississippi  
Washington County Savings and Loan Association,  
Greenville, Mississippi



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Southern Bell Telephone directories covering Bolivar County, Sunflower County, Humphreys County, and Washington County areas and street directory for Greenville, Mississippi, were reviewed with negative results.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 11, 1968, Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN telephonically advised that he did not desire that any negative type investigation, which eliminates local Jackson suspects, be sent to Memphis. He advised that negative type information should be indexed and filed at Jackson rather than be furnished to Memphis.

In view of the above there is attached hereto two FD 302s and two inserts concerning JOHN M. WILLARD, JOHN D. WILLARD and BAZILL GALT.

The above items are marked for indexing.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 15, 1968

FRED STRANGE, owner, Fred Strange Motor Company, Incorporated, 811 Varsity Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi, advised that his records reveal that JOHN MILBURN WILLARD, whose wife is CAROL was employed as a mechanic by the company between September 6, 1963, and March 5, 1964, and his local residence was 328 North Madison Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, and later 2929 Bogan Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi. STRANGE said his records reveal that WILLARD left employ of his company of his own volition allegedly to return to Sedalia, Missouri.

STRANGE said that his records indicate that WILLARD has had previous employment at Sowers Motors, Incorporated, Rollo, Missouri; Druitt Motor Company, Sedalia, Missouri, and Kinder Motors, Poplar Bluff, Missouri. He stated that at this time he believes JOHN MILBURN WILLARD is employed with his former service manager, J. W. SHEPHERD at a Volkswagen Company in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. STRANGE said that WILLARD was a satisfactory employee and to the best of his recollection he was a white male, according to records, was born August 13, 1935, is 5 feet 4 inches, weight approximately 110 pounds, black hair parts on the left side.

On 4/5/68 at Tupelo, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JOHN S. CASTLES:yv Date dictated 4/8/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 15, 19681

Mrs. ~~JOAN EDWARDS~~, Manager, Credit Bureau of Tupelo, Mississippi, stated that her files reveal that one JOHN M. WILLARD, 2929 Bogan Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi, was employed by Fred Strange Motor Company in January of 1964. The record indicates that WILLARD had previous employments at Sedalia, Missouri, and Rolla, Missouri, and the credit check at that time was being conducted for Universal CIT.

Mrs. EDWARDS advised that JOHN M. ~~WILLARD~~ had a satisfactory credit record in Tupelo, Mississippi, and that no inquiry has been made concerning him since January of 1964.

On 4/5/68 at Tupelo, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JOHN S. CASTLES:yv Date dictated 4/8/68

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The following investigation was conducted  
by SA THOMAS E. BURG at Hattiesburg, Mississippi:

On April 12, 1968, Mrs. NELL EATON, Clerk,  
Credit Bureau of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, advised that  
upon further and more thorough check of the files of her  
office she located the name JOHN D. WILLARD and his wife  
HARRIET with address of 1210 East Railroad Avenue,  
Gulfport, Mississippi. She stated these records reflect  
that JOHN D. WILLARD was employed as a salesman for  
Coast Home Improvement Company, no address.

Mrs. EATON stated the name of JOHN D.  
WILLARD and his wife was placed in the files of her  
office in either 1958 or 1960, and these records contained  
no credit information, as there was no credit check made.  
She stated that WILLARD is a white male, approximately  
40 years of age at this time.



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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN S. CASTLES and SA DONALD H. GREENE at Baldwyn, Mississippi, on April 9, 1968.

The following individuals were contacted in an effort to identify a BAZILL GALT of Baldwyn, Mississippi, and all advised that they were not acquainted with any BAZILL GALT in Baldwyn, Mississippi, and have no knowledge that any GAULT has ever resided in Baldwyn, Mississippi:

ODUS MINK, Chief of Police, Baldwyn, Mississippi.

BERNARD H. COGGINS, Mayor, Baldwyn, Mississippi.

RALPH PENNINGTON, owner, Pennington Ford Company, Baldwyn, Mississippi (former Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Officer).

HORACE E. CAVER, Insurance Agent, Baldwyn, Mississippi.

GRADY NANNEY, Supervisor, Light and Water Department, Baldwyn, Mississippi.

On April 10, 1968, MENDELL WACHMAN, Sheriff, Prentiss County, Booneville, Mississippi, advised that the Sheriff's Department records reveal that BAZILL GALT registered a 1958 Ford in Prentiss County, Mississippi, in 1966, and upon registration indicated that he had obtained the car from GERALD MAC BRAYER of Baldwyn, Mississippi.

On April 10, 1968, GERALD MC BRAYER, 816 Clayton Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, employed by Sears Roebuck

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and Company, South Gloster Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, who formerly resided West of Baldwyn, Mississippi, advised that he is the individual that sold a 1958 Ford, eight cylinder, six passenger, two door Sedan to BASIL HOLT in 1966. Mr. MC BRAYER advised that ~~BASIL HOLT~~ is his father-in-law and that the 1958 Ford has now been junked. He stated that there is no BAZILL GALT in Baldwyn, Mississippi, to his knowledge.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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In view of the above there is attached hereto four FD 302s and one report insert concerning JESSIE KIMBALL.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/11/68

Mrs. GRACE ROSCHELLE, 946 Myrtlewood Street, Jackson, Mississippi, telephonically advised as follows on this date:

She said her husband, RAYMOND ROSCHELLE, had stopped at a truck stop in Brookhaven, Mississippi, managed or operated by a Mrs. (first name unknown) MARTIN on the late evening of April 4, 1968. She said her husband overheard a conversation that one JESSIE KIMBELL, or KIMBALL, a white male from Brookhaven, Mississippi, had been having with some truck drivers at the truck stop. She said her husband told her that KIMBELL, or KIMBALL, who appeared to have been drinking, said he had just arrived from Memphis, and made some remarks about MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s being shot there and about a blanket muffling the shot from the assassin. She said her husband continued that KIMBELL, or KIMBALL, related information that the gun used by the assassin had been purchased at a Sears, Roebuck and Company Store in Memphis, Tennessee, on Jefferson or Poplar Street. She said her husband overheard KIMBELL, or KIMBALL, to say he worked for a wholesale drugstore or pharmaceutical company in Brookhaven.

Mrs. ROSCHELLE said her husband told her that KIMBELL, or KIMBALL, was driving a late model white Chevrolet but her husband had been unable to obtain the license number. She said her husband did not want to be contacted by the FBI in this regard. She said the information she had provided from her husband could possibly have a bearing on the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mrs. ROSCHELLE said she does not have a telephone at her residence but, if necessary, can be contacted at the home of a neighbor at telephone number 352-6010.

On 4/6/68 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA THOMAS FITZ PATRICK : cmb Date dictated 4/11/68

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Date 4/10/68

Mrs. GRADY MARTIN, JR., Route 2, Bogue Chitto, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, who also advised her that she did not have to furnish any information, that any information she did furnish could be used in a court of law and that she could contact an attorney or anyone else at any time.

Mrs. MARTIN advised that she is the owner and operator of "The Chef" in Brookhaven, Mississippi, the only all-night truck stop from Jackson, Mississippi to the vicinity of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. MARTIN advised that she and one other girl worked the counter and tables at the cafe on the night of April 4, 1968. She advised the other waitress, worked only that one night and is a stranger to the Brookhaven, Mississippi area. She advised that during the night some four to six people (probably truck drivers) came into the place who stated they were in Memphis when Dr. KING was killed. She could not recall the names of any of them. She advised that at some time during the night a man did make a statement that the "blanket being used to muffle the sound of the rifle and the rifle being thrown into a store where they keep juke boxes."

Mrs. MARTIN could furnish no information regarding the identity of the party who made the above statement. She could not recall anything being said about where the rifle was purchased. She advised she does not know anything about a man by the name of JESSE KIMBALL who works for a wholesale drug store or pharmaceutical company in Brookhaven, or anyone who

On 4/7/68 at Bogue Chitto, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS/brh Date dictated 4/9/68

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drives a white late model Chevrolet who may have made such statements. She advised that with the new girl working for her, she was very busy and simply does not recall who was in the place during that night. She recalled that many discussed the assassination in some manner, but she could recall only the statement about the blanket being used to muffle the rifle.

Mrs. MARTIN advised that should she remember anything further about the conversation, or who was present, she would contact the FBI.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/10/68

Mr. ERNEST LEVON WILSON, 115 Montana Avenue, McComb, Mississippi, on April 7, 1968 advised that he is a wholesale drug salesman for Meyer Brothers Drug Company, Jackson, Mississippi, traveling in eight counties of Southwest Mississippi.

Mr. WILSON who is known to SA REESIE L. TIMMONS, advised that he is certain there is no man by the name of KIMBLE (Phonetic) traveling in Southwest Mississippi as a drug salesman.

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by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS/brh Date dictated 4/9/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/10/68

Mr. ERNEST LEVON WILSON, 115 Montana Avenue, McComb, Mississippi, contacted the McComb Resident Agency of the FBI on April 9, 1968, and advised that he was contacted by a Mrs. MARTIN who operates "The Chef" in Brookhaven, Mississippi and advised that the "FBI" was by her home asking about him on April 7, 1968.

Mr. WILSON advised that from what Mrs. MARTIN told him, he feels certain he must be the party SA REESIE L. TIMMONS was seeking. He advised that he not only is a wholesale drug salesman, he drives a white 1967 Chevrolet, was in "The Chef" at midnight April 4, 1968, talking about the Rev. KING's assassination and was originally from Lincoln County.

Mr. WILSON advised that he sat at the counter with some six to eight unknown truck drivers and related a radio broadcast he had just heard on his way from Jackson, Mississippi to Brookhaven.

Mr. WILSON advised that the station broadcast an interview with a man in Memphis, Tennessee, who stated on the air that he saw a man throw a rifle and bag of some kind into his "amusement center" that must have been the rifle used in the assassination. He stated that the man stated on the air that he only saw the man's back and could not identify him. Mr. WILSON advised he did not make any statement about where the rifle was purchased or that if it was wrapped in a blanket to muffle the sound, nor did he hear anyone else at the place make such a statement.

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Mr. WILSON advised that Mrs. MARTIN told him she did not tell the FBI of his presence as she has known him all her life and did not want to get him in trouble. Mr. WILSON advised that [REDACTED]

Mr. WILSON advised he knows nothing further about the conversation.

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SA REESIE L. TIMMONS at the office of Chief of Police L. J. MC BRIDE, Brookhaven, Mississippi, on April 7, 1968, reviewed the license registrations for all standard size automobiles registered to Lincoln County, Mississippi, in an effort to locate one registered to JESSE KIMBALL or any name similar to KIMBALL, including KIMBLE, KIMBELL. Over six thousand two hundred registrations were reviewed with negative results.

Chief of Police L. J. MC BRIDE made telephone calls to several KIMBLE families in Lincoln County in an effort to determine if there is a JESSE KIMBLE residing in Lincoln County with negative results.

Chief MC BRIDE canvassed members of the Brookhaven, Mississippi Police Department with negative results.

Lincoln County Sheriff COLEMAN LEA contacted all members of his staff with negative results. Sheriff LEA advised that he has resided in the Western section of Lincoln County where the KIMBLE families reside and has never known a JESSE KIMBLE.



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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA CARL A. TURNER on April 11, 1968:

The following persons connected with the shipping, fishing, and seafood industry in the Biloxi, Mississippi, area of the Mississippi Gulf Coast were contacted concerning their knowledge of the whereabouts of BILLY JAMES SENN or anyone using the names which SENN has used as aliases; concerning the whereabouts of JOHN WILLARD; ERIC STARVO GALT; and HARRY BAUR ELLIOT, also known as PETE ELLIOT. Photographs of SENN and ELLIOT were displayed to them. All contacts yielded negative results:

~~JAMES S. MURRAY~~  
Murray's Seafoods  
1129 Pass Road  
Handsboro, Mississippi

~~JOHN E. ROMEO~~  
3779 Pass Road  
Biloxi, Mississippi  
Romeo's Seafoods

~~PEGGY EE BLANC~~  
Navar Shrimp and Oyster Company  
East Beach Boulevard  
Biloxi

~~ELTON HAVERT~~  
Fishing vessel Whippoorwill  
(Home port, Pascagoula, Mississippi)

~~NICK NAVAR~~  
Navar Shrimp and Oyster Company  
East Beach Boulevard  
Biloxi

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~~MINNIE MAE LANDRY~~

~~DeJean Packing Company~~

~~East Beach~~

~~Biloxi, Mississippi~~

~~LEON HALL~~

~~DeJean Packing Company~~

~~East Beach~~

~~Biloxi~~

~~SHIRLEY DUNAWAY~~

~~West Seafood Company~~

~~1400 East Beach~~

~~Biloxi~~

~~JAMES WEST~~

~~West Seafood Company~~

~~1400 East Beach~~

~~Biloxi~~

~~PETER KULJIS~~

~~Kuljis Seafoods~~

~~East Beach~~

~~Biloxi~~

~~GEORGE DUVAS~~

~~Dumas Brothers Seafoods~~

~~Box 161~~

~~East Beach~~

~~Biloxi, Mississippi~~

~~ROSCOE WILKINSON~~

~~Seacoast Company~~

~~East Beach~~

~~Biloxi~~

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~~JOHN TREBOTICH~~  
~~Seacoast Company~~  
East Beach  
Biloxi, Mississippi

~~JOHN JURICH~~  
~~Seacoast Company~~  
East Beach  
Biloxi

Mrs. MIKE SEKUL  
~~Gulf Central Seafoods~~  
Post Office Box 373  
East Howard Street  
Biloxi

MIKE SEKUL  
~~Gulf Central Seafoods~~  
Post Office Box 373  
East Howard Street  
Biloxi

~~GEORGETTE THOMPSON~~  
~~Sea and Sea Company~~  
Post Office Drawer DD  
Biloxi

~~WILLIAM CRUSO, Sr.~~  
~~Cruso Canning Company~~  
1800 East Third  
Biloxi

~~LADDIE WEEMS~~  
~~Weems Brothers Seafood Company~~  
1124 East Bayview Street  
Biloxi

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~~MYRLENE SEMP~~  
~~Shemper Seafoods~~  
Crawford and East Bay  
Biloxi, Mississippi

~~LARRY GOLLOTT~~  
~~Gollott Seafoods~~  
1410 East Bayview  
Biloxi

~~J. W. BOOKER~~  
~~Hygiene Shell Company~~  
West Bayview Avenue  
Biloxi

~~R. SUAREZ~~  
~~Suarez Seafood Company~~  
West Bayview  
Biloxi

~~CHESTER DE LA CRUZ~~  
~~Southern Shell Company~~  
Box 162  
West Bayview Road  
Biloxi

~~B. TATAVULL~~  
~~Tatavull Shrimp and Oyster Corporation~~  
West Bayview  
Biloxi

~~JOHN SAYARD~~  
~~Biloxi Canning and Packaging Company~~  
West Bayview  
Biloxi

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~~LOIS GELAUNCEY~~  
944 Main Street  
Biloxi

GELAUNCEY claims to know all the local shrimpboatmen, since her husband is a shrimpboatman.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA JOHN WILLIAM NEELLEY (P)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RM

*Two men*  
Residences of known UKA, CDF, and OKKKK members in the Greenville, Miss., area were observed between the hours of 8:10 P.M. and 11:00 P.M., Thursday, 4/4/68, by SA JOHN WILLIAM NEELLEY and SA WILLIAM C. MEARNES. FOIA(b)7 - (D)

FOIA(b)7 - (D) Confidential Source, who knows the local Klansmen and their vehicles, assisted in this matter. Lights were on in all the houses of the Klansmen and except for the automobile of J. R. WOODS, all vehicles belonging to these Klansmen were accounted for, including the white Mustang of BENNIE FLOYD, JR. DEAN RENNICK advised that he was in the Alamatt Motel Restaurant, Greenville, at approximately 6:45 P.M., 4/4/68, at which time Dr. EVERETT MITCHELL, local leader of the OKKKK, called trying to locate members of the local Klan organizations.

*retype as report 4/16/68*  
Vehicle registration records for Washington County were reviewed on 4/5/68, and 4/6/68, concerning all Ford Mustangs license in Washington Co. On 4/6/68, COP WILLIAM C. BURNLEY, Captain ROY LONG, Captain HARVEY TACKETT, and several other older members of the Greenville Police Department, as well as one reportedly highly reliable source of the Greenville, Miss., PD, reviewed names of all persons owning Mustang automobiles in Washington Co. in an effort to locate individuals with white Mustangs and persons who have shown in any way a propensity for violence or strong opposition to the civil rights movement.

COP HAROLD SHAW, Hollandale, Miss., reviewed names of individuals in the Hollandale, Miss., area having Mustang automobiles on 4/6/68, with no suspects being developed. No Klansmen in the Hollandale area have white Mustangs.

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Records of the Gilhara Motel, U.S. Route 82, Greenville, Miss., were reviewed on 4/6/68, regarding names of JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, and WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER. Records were reviewed from 3/20/68, to 4/6/68, for the names listed above and for variations of these names with negative results. No names were developed which would fit the description of WILLARD, Aka.

Gilhara Motel is a Friendship House Motel and does have the Cashmire Bouquet Soap with the Friendship House wrapper.

COP, Sheriff's Offices, and sources in the counties of Washington, Bolivar, Humphreys, and Sunflower were contacted on 4/5/68 and 4/6/68, regarding possible suspects and for information regarding possible civil disturbances following the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. No suspects were developed.

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Date: 4/15/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-New)

~~THEODORE ALLISON CARR, aka~~  
~~Teddy Carr, POSSIBLE THREAT~~  
~~TO HARM AARON E. HENRY,~~  
~~PRESIDENT, NAACP, STATE OF~~  
~~MISS.~~  
RM

ReJNtel 4/13/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a LHM, two to Memphis, one to USA, Oxford, one to USA, Jackson, two to MIGp, Jackson, one to Secret Service, Jackson, and one to OSI, Jackson.

LEAD:MEMPHIS

Interview W. O. DISMUKE re telephone call to HENRY, and obtain details of possible threat and whereabouts of CARR. If appropriate, interview CARR and determine his whereabouts on March 29-30 through April 4, 1968, in MURKIN Case.

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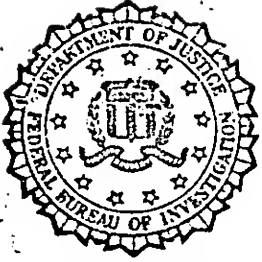
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At Clarksdale, Mississippi

Will maintain contact with HENRY for any additional information.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi

April 15, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

THEODORE ALLISON CARR,  
POSSIBLE THREAT TO HARM AARON E.  
HENRY, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT  
OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP), STATE  
OF MISSISSIPPI  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Aaron E. Henry, Negro male, President, NAACP, State of Mississippi, who resides at Clarksdale, Mississippi, telephonically contacted the Jackson FBI Office April 13, 1968, and advised he received a telephone call from W. O. Dismuke, who is a white male, about 55 years of age, resides and operates a tire vulcanizing company, Memphis, Tennessee. Dismuke is a former resident of Clarksdale and ran for mayor several years ago and considered to be a friend of Henry's. Dismuke advised Henry he should be very careful in the future, keep his name out of the press and take all precautions since one Teddy Carr "might be setting him up". Dismuke did not explain any further. Carr, in 1963, had thrown molotov cocktails into the home of Henry at Clarksdale. Henry could furnish no additional information, but is advising local authorities. He stated he has not seen nor had contact with Carr since 1963 and does not know his whereabouts.

Investigation was conducted by the Memphis FBI Office in 1963 in the case entitled "Theodore Allison Carr, ET AL, Molotov Cocktails Thrown Through Home of Aaron Henry, 636 Page Street, Clarksdale, April 12, 1963. Racial Matter". Carr is a white male born [REDACTED]

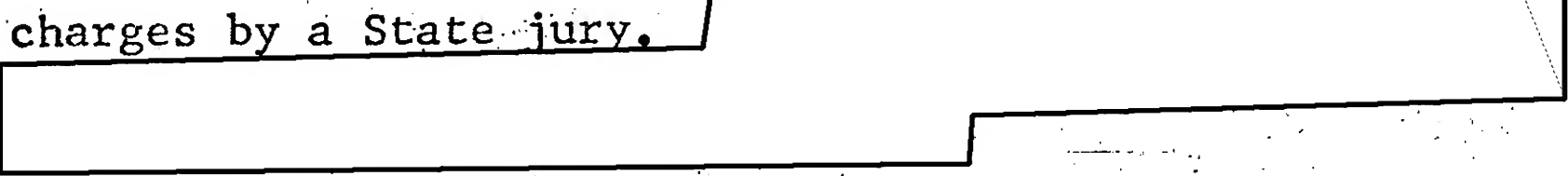
[REDACTED] and was found not guilty of the

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THEODORE ALLISON CARR, POSSIBLE  
THREAT TO HARM AARON E. HENRY,  
PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP),  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

charges by a State jury.



Appropriate local, state, and Federal authorities  
were alerted.

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DISTURBANCES IN MISSISSIPPI  
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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Jackson airtel and teletype to Bureau, 4/11/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and ten  
copies of LHM in captioned matter; information copies of LHM  
enclosed for Atlanta and Memphis.

One copy of LHM forwarded USA, Jackson; USA, Oxford;  
and Secret Service, Jackson; two copies of LHM forwarded MIGp,  
Jackson.

Jackson Division following this matter closely  
and Bureau and interested offices will be advised of any  
pertinent information received.

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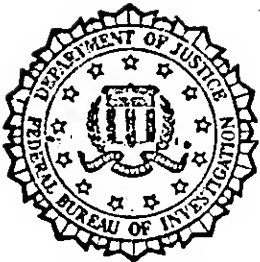
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Jackson, Mississippi

April 12, 1968

DISTURBANCES IN MISSISSIPPI AS  
EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO ASSASSINATION  
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTERS

Gene Walters, Sheriff, Forrest County, Mississippi, advised on April 11, 1968, that a group of 20 Negro youths picketed in an orderly manner at a small shopping center at Palmers Crossing Community near Hattiesburg, Mississippi, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., on this date. The pickets carried signs which indicated they were representing the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP), a predominantly Negro political group in Mississippi. They carried signs also indicating the purpose of their picketing was to encourage Negroes to continue a boycott of white-owned businesses throughout the state, in memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., through April 13, 1968. Appearing at the scene of the picketing also was J. C. Killingsworth, Negro male, Chairman of the Forrest County Action Committee, a Negro group promoting civil rights. Also present on one occasion was Victoria Gray Adams, Negro female, Executive Board member of the MFDP. Sheriff Walters said the group was very orderly, advised him in advance that the picketing was to be conducted, and no incidents occurred.

Joel Chapman, white male, Superintendent of Schools, Shelby, Mississippi, advised on April 11, 1968, that five anonymous telephone calls were received by Lit P. Evans, Jr., Negro male, Principal of the Broad Street Negro high school, on this date. He said the anonymous callers sounded like

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Negro youths and during their calls, they indicated the school would be burned. Chapman said that this school had a fifty percent absentee rate on this date. City and county law enforcement officials are closely following this matter.

L. B. Williams, Sheriff, Bolivar County, Mississippi, advised on April 11, 1968, that the Chinese owner of a grocery store at Cleveland, Mississippi, received anonymous threats that his store would be burned on this date. Indications were that the callers were young Negroes. Sheriff Williams said his office and the Cleveland Police Department are closely following this matter.

Frank Long, Editor, Greenwood, Mississippi, Commonwealth newspaper, advised on April 11, 1968, that his office received an anonymous call on this date that the newspaper office would be burned. He said it was the second call in this regard that he had received during the present week. The Greenwood Police Department has been notified and is closely following this matter.

Robert Pritchard, Sheriff, Jefferson County, Mississippi, advised on April 11, 1968, that about 375 Negroes marched from Adams Church (Negro) in Fayette, Mississippi, beginning at 8:50 p.m., on this date, to the County Courthouse there. The marchers were led by Charles Evers, Negro male, Mississippi National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Field Director. Upon arrival at the courthouse in Fayette, Evers addressed the group, saying the purpose of the march was to protest alleged discrimination in the Jefferson County School System. He directed his grievances toward D. G. McLaurin, white male, Jefferson County Superintendent of Education. He said the County School System has inadequate school equipment, the school buses are segregated, and related grievances. Evers said as a result of these grievances, a boycott by Negroes of white merchants in Fayette will begin on April 12, 1968, in an effort to put pressure on the city to correct these school grievances. Sheriff Pritchard said the group of marchers dispersed at 9:30 p.m., on April 11, 1968, without incident. He said

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Evers announced before the group dispersed that he will also lead a march in Fayette at 2:00 p.m., on April 12, 1968, to re-emphasize the initiation of the boycott there.

M. B. Pierce, Chief of Detectives, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, advised that Charles Evers, on April 11, 1968, sent a telegram to Mayor Allen Thompson of Jackson, requesting to meet with Thompson and city officials in a conference on or before April 16, 1968, to discuss Negro problems in Jackson and the possible solutions. Pierce said Mayor Thompson will meet with Evers on or prior to that date in this regard.

Chief Pierce said the City of Jackson was quiet during the day and evening hours of April 11, 1968.

Charles Marx, Administrative Assistant, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP), advised on April 11, 1968, that he had received no reports of disturbances in Mississippi during the day and evening hours of April 11, 1968.

Appropriate local, state, and Federal authorities were advised of the above information as it was received.

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and Bureau and interested offices will be kept advised.

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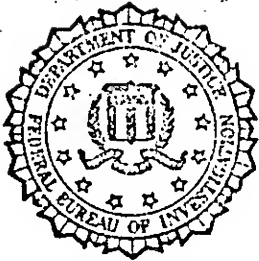
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April 11, 1968

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RACIAL MATTERS

On April 10, 1968, C. W. Dempsey, Chief of Police, Cleveland, Mississippi, advised that Negro youths are still restless in Cleveland, Mississippi, and the curfew imposed from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. on the previous evening is to be continued during the evening of April 10-11, 1968. He said his police department is closely following any developments regarding possible disturbances.

Murray L. Sills, Chief of Police, Vicksburg, Mississippi, advised on April 10, 1968, that unrest is still prevalent among young Negroes in the Vicksburg area. He said several anonymous telephone calls were received by the white owners of various Vicksburg businesses on this date indicating a threat to burn the establishments. Chief Sills said his department is closely following developments in this regard.

Boyce Ferguson, Chief of Police, Crystal Springs, Mississippi, advised on April 10, 1968, that several anonymous calls were received by Buster Whittington, white male, owner of a cleaning store and launderette in Crystal Springs. He said Whittington's launderette received much window damage from the Negro vandals on April 5, 1968. Chief Ferguson said his department is closely following developments in this regard and is keeping a close watch on Whittington's establishments.

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On April 10, 1968, Charles Evers, Negro male, Mississippi National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Field Director, advised that a boycott of white-owned businesses instituted by Negroes on April 5, 1968, is to continue in effect throughout Mississippi through Saturday, April 13, 1968. He said the boycott has been effective in some areas and not effective at all in other areas. Evers reported he will lead a march to begin at 8:00 p.m., on April 11, 1968, at Fayette, Mississippi. He said the march is being staged to protest alleged discriminatory practices by the local Superintendent of Education. He said he expects about 300 Negro participants in this march.

Evers said he will also lead a march to begin at 11:00 a.m., on April 13, 1968, at Crystal Springs, Mississippi, to protest inadequate Negro housing, to seek additional jobs for Negroes, and related Negro grievances.

M. B. Pierce, Chief of Detectives, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, advised on April 10, 1968, Jackson was very quiet on this date and additional police units placed in operation following recent disturbances will be withdrawn on the evening of this date. He said additionally, police barracades near Jackson State College have been withdrawn.

Charles Marx, Administrative Assistant, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP), advised on April 10, 1968, he received no reports of disturbances throughout the State of Mississippi on this date. He said Highway Patrol units are still following closely any developments or possible incidents.

William Rist, Military Intelligence Group, Jackson, advised on April 10, 1968, that Mississippi National Guard units left their assembly areas and returned to their homes on this date. He said the state alert for the National Guard called on April 5, 1968, will terminate at midnight on April 10, 1968.

On the morning of April 11, 1968, Charles Marx, MHSP; M. B. Pierce, Jackson Police Department; and Sheriff



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Fred Thomas, Hinds County, Mississippi, Sheriff's Office, each advised there had been no incidents or disturbances reported during the evening of April 10-11, 1968.

A confidential source who has provided reliable information in the past advised on April 11, 1968, that Marvin Louis Wilson and George Washington Ware, Jr., both Negro males, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) leaders, are still in the Jackson, Mississippi, vicinity.

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# Memorandum

TO : FILE (157-9586)

FROM : ASAC ELMER F. LINBERG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/16/68

~~DON KENNISON~~, 1129 Mantoe, Pascagoula, Miss., telephonically contacted ASAC the afternoon of 4/15/68 from the Public Library at Gulfport, Miss. He stated he is employed at Ingall's Shipyard and may know someone who could have killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. KENNISON was questioned closely as to whom he was referring, and the best he could come up with was it might be a private detective who was then in the library with KENNISON and had KENNISON under surveillance. KENNISON was non-specific and could give the name of no one; however, he did request that he be able to talk in person with an FBI Agent and was referred to the Gulfport Resident Agency.

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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM BLACKKETTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(00: Memphis)

Re BILLY D. MC GRIFF.

Re New Orleans tel to Bureau, 4/11/68.

On 4/12/68, MARIAN LILLY, Secretary, IBEW Local 605, 116 Claiborne Street, Jackson, Miss., advised her records reflect BILLY D. MC GRIFF was working on a voltage substation for L. E. MYERS Company, Clinton, Miss., when he quit that job on 3/28/68. MC GRIFF had been working a 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight shift at the time he quit. She advised her records reflect MC GRIFF did not obtain work through their local until 4/3/68, when he was sent to Sardis, Miss.

LILLY advised her records reflect VAN SULLIVAN, JR., Route 1, Mt. Olive, Miss., telephone 733-2449, is a member of the Local 605. She stated SULLIVAN quit L. E. MYERS Company on 3/8/66, and was not employed by their union until 4/3/68, when he was sent to Sardis, Mississippi. She states SULLIVAN is not presently working through Local 605.

On the same date, Mrs. MARTHA MC GRIFF, 1342 Plantation Road, Jackson, Miss., advised her husband worked from 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight on 3/28/68. She stated he arose during the A.M. of 3/29/68, and at approximately noon, went fishing with her brother, BILL WOLVERTON, 722 Lancelot Road. She advised that they returned sometime after dark, 3/29/68, and had caught a great number of fish. She advised BILL MC GRIFF

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stayed home Friday night and on Saturday, 3/30/68, they obtained some seeds and fertilizer and MC GRIFF and his family worked on their lawn at their residence the entire day. She stated Saturday night her sister and her husband came over for dinner and stayed until late in the evening and her husband was there at all times.

On the same date, BILL WOLVERTON, 722 Lancelot Road, advised on Friday, 3/29/68, BILLY D. MC GRIFF, ~~MAC LOFTON, BILLY HAYES,~~ and himself went fishing at approximately 12:00 noon at Ross Barnett reservoir. He stated they fished all afternoon, and early evening, and returned to the MC GRIFF residence at approximately 6:30 or 7:00 P.M., 3/29/68.

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AT MT. OLIVE, MISSISSIPPI

Will locate and interview VAN SULLIVAN, JR., regarding his whereabouts on 3/29-30/68, and for any information he has regarding being in Memphis, Tenn., 4/4/68.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 11, 1968, Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN telephonically advised that he did not desire that any negative type investigation, which eliminates local Jackson suspects, be sent to Memphis. He advised that negative type information should be indexed and filed at Jackson rather than be furnished to Memphis.

In view of the above instructions the following FD 302 interview of EFFIE LEE WALTON should be indexed and filed in Jackson file.

ACTION: None

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~~EFFIE LEE WALTON, nee JENKINS, Route 2, Box 119, Potts Camp, Mississippi, was located and interviewed in Marshall County, Mississippi. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, WALTON volunteered the following information:~~

WALTON explained she is employed at Jack's Truck Stop located on Highway 78, between Holly Springs and Potts Camp, Mississippi. She stated that in conjunction with her employment, she was at work on Thursday, April 4, 1968.

WALTON stated that on April 4, 1968, at approximately 6:30 P.M., just before dark, she was standing in the front window at Jack's Truck Stop. She explained that she had just heard a few minutes prior about the shooting incident involving Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. She further pointed out that she is relatively certain of the time being approximately 6:30 as she gets off of work at 7:00 P.M., and the incident she has in mind occurred prior to her quitting time of 7:00 P.M.

WALTON stated as she was looking out the front window at Jack's Truck Stop, she observed a white Mustang which she believed to be a 1967 model, pull off of Highway 78 onto the driveway of Jack's Truck Stop. She stated that two white males were sitting in the front seat of this vehicle, and that

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On 4/9/68 at Marshall County, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586  
by SA RICHARD T. RABIDEAU  
SA KENNETH P. HUGHES /RTR/bjk Date dictated 4/9/68

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there was one white male sitting in the rear of this car on the passenger side of the vehicle. She stated there was possibly a second individual sitting in the rear seat of the vehicle; however, she could not be certain of this. She pointed out that the car apparently had clothing, or items, hanging in the car, and she just could not be certain whether or not she had observed a second individual sitting in the back seat of the car.

WALTON stated that the Mustang came to a quick stop and the white male sitting on the passenger side of the front seat got out of the car, proceeded around the vehicle, and got behind the steering wheel of the vehicle. She stated that the driver of the car apparently just scooted over the front seat and never actually got out of the car. WALTON stated that the vehicle immediately departed in what she considered to be a rather hasty fashion, spinning its tires in the gravel.

WALTON stated that the vehicle was definitely a white Mustang and she is relatively certain that it was a 1967 model vehicle. WALTON was requested to describe this vehicle in detail, and thereafter, furnished the following information:

WALTON stated she believed the vehicle was a two door, and was definitely not a convertible or sports model car. She stated she recalls observing a chrome strip running the complete length of the vehicle, and further recalls that the car was very clean, with shiny chrome hubcaps. WALTON stated she could not be certain concerning the license plates of the car, but believed the license plates had a white background and that the numbers or letters on the license plates were a dark color. WALTON stated that the only thing she could be certain about concerning the license plates was that the license plates were not Mississippi tags.

WALTON was requested to describe the white males she observed in the white Mustang. She pointed out that

the individuals remaining in the car while it was stopped at Jack's Truck Stop were not observed by her very closely and she could not furnish any real details concerning their description. She did recall that the individuals were all white males, and she estimated the individuals to be in their early twenties. She stated that her first impression concerning these individuals was that they were young college men.

WALTON furnished the following description of the individual that actually got out of the white Mustang, and who walked around to the driver's side of this car:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	23-24
Hair:	light-colored and rather long like a Beatle haircut; she explained the hair was combed to the side

WALTON stated this individual was tall and rather slim, and was wearing what she believes to have been a dark brown sports coat with a white shirt. She stated this individual was not wearing a tie, to the best of her memory. She further stated this individual walked with the top portion of his body leaning over. She explained that he did not walk standing straight up. She explained that the only other way she could describe this walk was that the individual appeared to be walking in a hurry.

WALTON has stated she did not recognize any of the individuals in this automobile, and that she did not recognize the car as belonging to anyone she was familiar with. She further stated it was questionable whether she could ever identify the one white male that she observed get out of the 1967 Mustang and walk around the car.

WALTON concluded by stating she could furnish no other information regarding the white males or the vehicle

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they were driving. She did recall that the vehicle approached Jack's Truck Stop on Highway 78 from the north, and was headed south when it departed.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-1077)

FROM : SA CHARLES W. HARVEY

SUBJECT: BYRON DE LA BECKWITH -  
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DATE: 4/11/68

It is noted that this writer is operating a PCI who, if need be, can furnish the daily itinerary of the captioned individual's travel as it relates to his employment.

It is further noted that such information is discreetly obtained by the [REDACTED] and that the PCI has on previous occasions provided reliable information concerning the captioned individual and other matters within the jurisdiction of the FBI.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-7106)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA THOMAS FITZ PATRICK

SUBJECT: RICHARD ANTHONY BARRETT  
RM (KLAN)

At 8:35 p.m. on 4/5/68, MARK LEDBETTER, Reporter, WLBT, Channel 3, Jackson, Miss., advised that RICHARD ANTHONY BARRETT had just stopped by this television station and dropped off a news release. He said BARRETT told him that he had sent a telegram to Governor JOHN BELL WILLIAMS at the Capitol in Jackson, on the afternoon of this date. Mr. LEDBETTER provided the following text of BARRETT's press release:

"For Release 7:00 P.M., 4/5/68:

"We respectfully request that you name this Sunday, April 7, a special memorial day for Mississippi soldiers killed in Vietnam, lest we allow mourning for a single regrettable death, the late Martin Luther King, overshadow the daily heroic sacrifice of our fellow Mississippians with their lives on the battlefield.

/s/ "Richard Barrett  
For America's Victory Force"

Mr. LEDBETTER said he would advise of any further developments in this regard.

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SA FRANCIS G. HONAN

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Informant was contacted on April 9, 1968, concerning case entitled "MURKIN", JN 157-9586. Informant stated that he knows of no information concerning captioned case, however, in the event he ascertains any information concerning it, he will immediately contact the FBI.

Informant stated that recently a ROBERT ADAMS, Pontotoc, Miss., showed him a card from the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Informant stated that ADAMS told him he had joined the OKKKK while he was doing construction work in Laurel, Miss., however, informant stated that he does not think that ADAMS is presently connected with the Klan. Informant described ADAMS as in his early thirties, 5'8", 170 pounds, residing Randolph, Miss.

Informant further stated that he will maintain contact with ADAMS and in the event it appears that ADAMS is active in any Klan organization, he will advise the FBI.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA LAURIER C. BUTEAU

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo of ASAC ELMER F. LINBERG dated 4/9/68.

Instant date, Mrs. ETTA STRAIN, Drivers License Bureau, MHSP, Jackson, Miss., advised she could locate no record identifiable with ERIC STARVONE GALT or anyone under the name of GALT or GAULT.

On instant date, LARRY FEDUCCIA, Motor Vehicle Comptroller's Office, Jackson, Miss., advised that the alphabetical listing for 1966 tag receipts discloses a registration for JAMIE GALT, 1912 20th Avenue, Gulfport, Miss., for 1957 Plymouth Plaza, 6 cylinder, 2 door, and white in color. G-21481

He stated his records also disclosed an alphabetical listing for BAZILL GALT, Baldwyn, Prentiss County, Miss., for a 1958 Ford, 8 cylinder, 6 passenger, 2 door sedan. 59-4799.

He advised that his records also disclosed a listing for Mrs. RAYMOND GAULT, Hinds Co., Miss.

Mr. FEDUCCIA stated alphabetical files disclosed no listing identifiable for ERIC STARVONE GALT. He further advised that he has no alphabetical listings for tag receipts for the years 1967 and 1968.

On 4/9/68, Mrs. RAYMOND GAULT, 840 Arbor Vista Boulevard, Jackson, telephone 352-9836, advised she has no knowledge regarding ERIC STARVONE GALT. She stated her husband RAYMOND was formerly from Texas, employed as a line worker and they have lived in Jackson for the past 20 years. She advised that her husband died about 10 years ago and that he was not employed when he resided in Jackson. She stated that the above mentioned name is completely unknown to her.

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Brief description of activity or material <i>Index</i> <b>Info re leaders and members of OKA, Jackson; HOWARD LA CROIX, racial extremist, formerly of Vicksburg, believed possibly involved in murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING; Blackwell Real Estate bombing subjects arrested recently in</b>		File where original is located if not attached <b>FOIA(b)7 - (D)</b>
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- 1 - 157-36 (APWR)
- 1 - 157-6029 (Miss. KKK)
- 1 - 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1 - 157-6559 (B. C. CUPSTID)
- 1 - 157- (CECIL PATE)
- 1 - 157-New (HOWARD LA CROIX)
- 1 - 157-8343 (A. H. WATKINS or A. H. WALTERS)
- 1 - 157- (H. D. WHITE)
- 1 - 157- (AUBREY NUNNERY)
- 1 - 157- (JIMMY SAVELL)
- 1 - 157- (CHUCK GARNER)

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- 1 - 157- (PRICE GRAY)
- 1 - 157-4096 (L. E. MATTHEWS)
- 1 - 157-5328 (FERRALL LEE MC CORMICK)
- 1 - 157- (BOB MC COY, Gulf Coast)
- 1 - 157-536 (ERNEST GILBERT)
- 1 - 157-7868 (J. L. HARPER)
- 1 - 157-5928 (HARRY KELLEY, Attorney)

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4/11/68  
Jackson, Miss.

APWR, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

Source advised that the weekly meeting of the APWR, Jackson, was cancelled for 4/9/68 since the church normally used for weekly meetings is having a revival. There is supposed to be a fish fry instead of a weekly meeting, but source does not know the location of the fish fry since he does not plan to attend.

BOMBING OF BLACKWELL REAL ESTATE COMPANY;  
FERRALL MC CORMICK; ERNEST GILBERT:

Source advised he has just read in the newspaper where nine people were arrested in Mississippi this week charged with being involved in the bombing of the Blackwell Real Estate Company. Source stated he knows most of these persons arrested personally and based on his knowledge of their background, he feels certain they are involved in the bombing. He added that he knows of two other people in the Klan at Jackson, Miss., who he believes might be involved in this bombing, but who were not arrested this week. They are: , and ERNEST GILBERT.

Source stated he learned on 4/11/68, that all of those arrested had made bond of \$10,000 each, except for J. L. HARPER, who remained in the Hinds County Jail.

HOWARD LA CROIX:

Source advised that he worked with one HOWARD LA CROIX at Vicksburg, Miss., during 1967 and he considered LA CROIX extremely radical and the type person who would commit most any act of violence in connection with racial matters. Source described LA CROIX as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	25-30
Hair	Black, combed straight back

Characteristics

Has a sort of silly smile and acts silly at times, mimicking Amos and Andy of radio fame, or any such characters

Source knows LA CROIX as a former auto parts man at Lamar T. Lowe Pontiac-Cadillac Agency, Vicksburg, Miss. He worked there under the supervision of JIM CRIBBS and at one time had telephone number 948-5028, which is a Jackson, Miss., number. Source stated that based on newspaper accounts of the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, he believes LA CROIX should be considered a good suspect, since he often talked about committing acts of racial violence, including the fact that somebody should kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

HARRY KELLEY, ATTORNEY:

Source advised that HARRY KELLEY is representing DAVID L. CUTCHENS, a Klan member, in a suit against the Hinds County SO, for false arrest. The suit is for \$10,000 and is based on arrest of CUTCHENS about a month ago in connection with a debt which CUTCHENS owed.

J. L. HARPER:

Source advised that J. L. HARPER, member of WKKKKOM, Jackson, Miss., whose case for illegal possession of dynamite was scheduled for 4/12/68 in Hinds County Court, has now been delayed until next month. Source stated he has talked to HARPER's attorney and the attorney seems to think HARPER will be found not guilty.

A. H. WALTERS or A. H. WATKINS:

Source advised that he knew an individual named A. H. WATKINS and not A. H. WALTERS, who was a member of Unit #111, OKA, Jackson, Miss., for a short time during the Summer of 1967. WATKINS was working for a construction company building a highway and was driving a low-boy type truck. He lived on Shaw Road west of Jackson until about 12/67. He is no longer active in the Klan and his whereabouts

is unknown. He is believed to still be in the Jackson, Miss. area.

H. D. WHITE:

Source advised that H. D. WHITE, a Klan leader in the Mississippi KKK, headed by B. C. CUPSTID, as Grand Dragon; is still active in the Klan and has advised several of his friends that he expects to be appointed a deputy sheriff in Hinds County in the very near future.

AUBREY NUNNERY:

Source advised that AUBREY NUNNERY is presently the treasurer of the Mississippi KKK, Jackson, Miss., which unit is headed by B. C. CUPSTID.

JIMMY SAVELL:

Source advised that JIMMY SAVELL, Jackson, Miss., is Acting EC of the Mississippi KKK unit at Jackson anytime CUPSTID is not present. He is considered EC of the local unit and CUPSTID is the Grand Dragon.

FERRALL MC CORMICK, SR.; CHUCK GARNER:

Source advised that he considers CHUCK GARNER, a member of the OKA, to be extremely dangerous. He said GARNER is almost always around with at least one gun and has in his home many guns of different types. GARNER has recently been traveling around Jackson with FERRALL MC CORMICK, SR., and more or less acting as a bodyguard for MC CORMICK. GARNER is believed to continue to work at an appliance company as a service man. The company is owned by DON JACKSON and is located on Lynch Street, just east of Ellis Avenue, Jackson. Source considers GARNER extremely fast in handling a gun and the type person not to be discussed in any way where racial matters are concerned.

CECIL PATE:

Source advised that CECIL PATE was formerly the Vice-President of the Mississippi KKK at Jackson, Miss., but has completely dropped out of the Klan recently due

to some disagreement with the Grand Dragon, B. C. CUPSTID.

L. E. MATTHEWS; PRICE GRAY:

Source advised he knows L. E. MATTHEWS, JR., a Klan official in the WKKKKOM and also PRICE GRAY, a former EC of a WKKKKOM unit at Jackson, Miss. He said GRAY and MATTHEWS were formerly extremely good friends and may still be. Source believes they would do anything to protect each other due to their friendship. Source stated PRICE GRAY is believed still working at Thames Auto Company, South Gallatin Street, Jackson, Miss., but source does not know if GRAY is active in the Klan at the present time.

Source advised he is closely associated with Klan attorney HARRY KELLEY and is making efforts to develop this friendship further so he can obtain more information regarding Klan members.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 11, 1968, Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN telephonically advised that he did not desire that any negative type investigation, which eliminates local Jackson suspects, be sent to Memphis. He advised that negative type information should be indexed and filed at Jackson rather than be furnished to Memphis.

There follows herewith an insert concerning Chief of Police J.T. ROBINSON, Natchez, Mississippi, and an incident wherein JOHN A. ANDERSON admitted he wrote a note stating "I killed M.L.K. in Memphis, Tenn. The Mayor is next. The Klan."

## ACTION:

In view of instructions from Inspector SULLIVAN, it is recommended the insert re Chief ROBINSON and the FD 302 re JOHN A. ANDERSON be indexed and filed.

*Insert and 302 are marked for indexing. JB*

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On April 9, 1968, J. T. ROBINSON, Chief of Police, Natchez Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi, advised that they had arrested JOHN A. ANDERSON, and that he was being held in the City Jail. ROBINSON stated that RUTH RAND, a barmaid of the Fountain Lounge went to open up the lounge at approximately 11:30 AM this date and found the door unlocked. ROBINSON stated she went in, turned on the lights and saw ANDERSON. RAND advised that ANDERSON ran out of the building and dropped a money bag containing \$29.00 in change. ROBINSON stated that the subject was seen getting into a GBC Truck Line truck and heading west across the bridge to Vidalia, Louisiana. ROBINSON stated that the Vidalia Police Department stopped the truck in Vidalia and arrested ANDERSON. ANDERSON was returned to the Natchez Police Department.

On April 9, 1968, JAMES BURK, driver for GBC Truck Lines, advised that he was proceeding west on Route 84 en route to Ferriday, Louisiana, when he saw this man whom he later learned to be JOHN A. ANDERSON hitchhiking. BURK advised that it is against the law for them to pick up hitchhikers but that it was raining very hard and that he stopped anyway. He stated that he crossed the bridge with ANDERSON in the truck and that he stopped immediately on the other side for the Vidalia Police Department and that they arrested ANDERSON. BURK further stated that he had never seen ANDERSON before and that ANDERSON had made no comment to him other than asking him where he was going.

The following is a description of JAMES BURK:

Name:	JAMES BURK
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	[REDACTED]
Height:	6 feet 1 inch
Weight:	176
Eyes:	Grey
Hair:	Black

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Address:

Route 8  
Lana Bieu Avenue  
Kingsport, Tennessee  
GBC Truck Lines  
Morristown, Tennessee

Employer:

On April 9, 1968, JAKE B. GUERCIO, Owner and Manager of the Fountain Lounge, Natchez, Mississippi, advised that he was about to close up the Fountain Lounge when he noticed JOHN A. ANDERSON in an intoxicated condition. GUERCIO stated that he knew ANDERSON from Woodville, Mississippi, and that he asked ANDERSON where he was going to spend the night. GUERCIO stated that ANDERSON told him that he had expected a ride into Woodville but that it apparently was not coming. GUERCIO stated that he told ANDERSON that he should go into the Fountain Lounge and sleep in there so that he would not be arrested for public intoxication. GUERCIO advised that he left ANDERSON in the Fountain Lounge, locked the door, and went home.

ROBINSON advised that a search of the premises revealed a note initialed J. A. A. stating, "I killed M. L. K. in Memphis, Tenn. The Mayor is next. The Klan."

ROBINSON further advised that RUTH RAND, the barmaid of the Fountain Lounge, advised that this note was not behind the bar before she left.

ANDERSON was interviewed.

On April 9, 1968, BURNELL MC GRAW, Sheriff, Wilkinson County, Woodville, Mississippi, advised that he is familiar with JOHN A. ANDERSON. He stated that ANDERSON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MC GRAW further advised that ANDERSON has been in Woodville for approximately a week and that he is living with his aunt, LUCILLE BUCKEL.

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MC GRAW stated that he intended to contact  
LUCILLE BUCKEL [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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JOHN A. ANDERSON was interviewed at his place of incarceration, Natchez Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi. ANDERSON was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, and was immediately advised of his constitutional rights. ANDERSON waived these rights by executing the waiver of rights form and voluntarily provided the following information:

ANDERSON stated that during the evening of April 8 and April 9, 1968, he was at the Fountain Lounge in Natchez, driving heavily. He stated that the owner of the Fountain Lounge, JAKE GUERCIO, whom he knew from Woodville, Mississippi, recognized that he was in an intoxicated condition and asked how he was going to get to Woodville. ANDERSON stated that he told GUERCIO he had intended to ride down with a truck driver but that it appeared that he had forgotten him. ANDERSON stated that GUERCIO told him that he would let him sleep in the Fountain Lounge and "sleep it off" so that he would not be arrested by the police for public intoxication. ANDERSON stated that GUERCIO left him in the Fountain Lounge, locked the door, and apparently went home,

ANDERSON advised that after he was left alone in the lounge, he continued to drink beer and become even more intoxicated. He stated that he found a notepad and decided to write a note and leave it in the lounge as a joke. He stated that he found a pen and wrote the following on a notepad, "I killed M.L.K. in Memphis, Tenn. The Mayor is next. The Klan." ANDERSON further stated that he had written the note he dropped the pad and misplaced it and could not find it again. ANDERSON advised that he was very drunk at the time and did not realize that the note would be taken seriously.

On 4/9/68 at Natchez, MississippiFile # Jackson 157-9586by SA PAUL W. ROEMER / mltDate dictated 4/11/68

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ANDERSON concluded that he has been in Woodville for approximately a week and that on the night that MARTIN LUTHER KING was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, April 4, 1968, he was at the J. B. Nettles Truck Stop, Route 61 South, Wilkinson County, Mississippi, from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM the following morning, in a drunken condition. ANDERSON stated that he is a good friend of the owner of Nettles Truck Stop and that MILDRED NETTLES would be able to verify his story.

The following is a description of ANDERSON obtained by observation and interview:

Name:	JOHN A. ANDERSON
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Black
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	180
Date of Birth:	
Social Security #:	
Georgia operator's license number:	305384
Address:	3003½ Reese Road Columbus, Georgia
Marital Status:	Married
Wife:	PEGGY ANN ANDERSON (separated), presently living with Mrs. LUCILLE BUCKEL, Woodville, Mississippi

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Date: 4/15/68

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, LITTLE ROCK  
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

At 8:31 a.m., an anonymous phone call was received by SA CARL A. TURNER at the Gulfport Resident Agency. Caller stated "If you want to find out who killed Martin Luther King, talk to Edward Wynn, Tucker, Arkansas". Caller stated WYNN had served time in 1963. *Index*

LEAD:LITTLE ROCKAt Tucker, Arkansas

Will conduct appropriate investigation to eliminate WYNN as a possible suspect. Determine if he owns a white Mustang and if appropriate, interview him regarding his whereabouts on pertinent dates this case.

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TO: SAC, JACKSON

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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OO: ME

Enclosed herewith for the offices receiving this communication are five copies each of three studies done by Bureau artists of the UNSUB in captioned matter.

Photo #1 is based on information furnished by witnesses at Memphis, Tennessee. Photos #2 and #3 are based on information furnished by witnesses at Birmingham, Alabama.

Witnesses who have observed our principal suspect, ERIC STARVO GALT, and witnesses who observed UNSUB alone in Memphis and Birmingham have displayed enough similarity in their descriptions and reaction to artists' conception to indicate that UNSUB and GALT are probably identical.

Investigation to date indicates it is entirely possible that GALT identity is fictitious and was established as a cover.

The best description we have appears to be the description of GALT which was furnished

② Jackson (Encs. 15)

2-Mobile (Encs. 15)

2-New Orleans (Encs. 15)

2-St. Louis (Encs. 15)

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when he obtained an Alabama drivers license in late 1967. Witnesses, however, have described UNSUB as both taller and shorter, heavier and lighter, and there is an uncertainty about the hairline and eyes. The best photo appears to be #1. Photo #2 is highly regarded if he appeared a bit more youthful. With the limitations set forth herein, the description set forth for GALT may be regarded as the best composite description at this time:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	7/20/31
Height	5'11"
Weight	175
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Appearance	Neat, cleancut, neat dresser
Accent	Western or Texas, definitely not northern
Peculiarities	Very shy and quiet; often observed wearing a business suit, shirt, and tie
Marital status	GALT indicated he was divorced.

The Bureau has instructed in using these pictures in connection with this investigation that the identity of the conception of the artists as the MURKIN suspect be avoided. Appropriate pretext should be used in lieu thereof until such time the Bureau releases an official artist conception.

UNSUB has used the aliases JOHN WILLARD and HARVEY LOWMEYER.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: SAC, ALBANY  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P  
RE: MURKIN

In an effort to assist in handling administratively the reams of material being submitted to Memphis Division as office of origin, it is requested all offices in submission of messages use caption which will aid in handling paper. For example, should your office have investigation to report in connection with a specific suspect it would aid if, before entering into the body of text, you would utilize sub-heading after reference, such as "SUSPECT - JOHN ALLEN DOE," or another appropriate caption might be "LAUNDRY CHECKS."

Suitable sub-headings on communications will greatly facilitate the handling of material. Please comply,

2 ALBANY (AM)  
2 ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES (AM)  
1 MEMPHIS

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FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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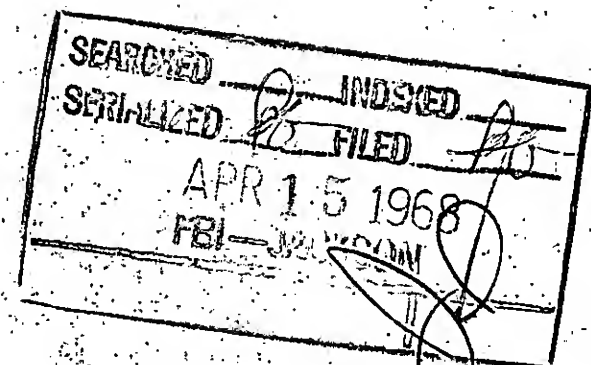
Re Dallas teletype to Bureau dated 4/8/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are seven copies each of an FD-302 for J. C. SPIEKERMAN, JR., and J. D. FAULKENBERRY, Longview, Texas.

Enclosed for Jackson are 2 copies of the described FD-302s. These two copies each are forwarded to Jackson in accordance with Jackson's request in this matter.

The above 302s refer to investigation concerning Schlitz beer sold in State of Mississippi.

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2-Jackson (Enc. 2)  
2-Dallas  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/10/68

Mr. J. D. FAULKENBERRY, Office Manager, Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company, Longview, Texas Plant, advised that beer produced by this plant for sale in the State of Mississippi on March 15, 1968, was in all probability shipped to the following distributors:

Hattiesburg Beverage Company, 603 East Front Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, shipments on March 15 and 20, 1968;  
 Service Beverage Company, P. O. Box 474, Clarksdale, Mississippi, shipments on March 15 and 20, 1968;  
 Mississippi Beverage Company, 615 - 22nd Avenue South, Meridian, Mississippi, shipments on March 15 and 20, 1968;  
 Yazoo Distributing Company Company, Yazoo City, Mississippi, shipments on March 18, 1968;  
 F & F Distributing Company, Magnolia and West Rail Road Street, Biloxi, Mississippi, shipments on March 18 and 20, 1968;  
 Foster Beverage Company, 318 East Main Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, shipment on March 20, 1968;  
 Capitol City Beverage, 407 Guidici, Jackson, Mississippi, shipment on March 20, 1968.

Mr. FAULKENBERRY advised that 21,352 cases of beer packaged in pop-top cans and 252 cases of beer packaged in soft-top cans were produced by the Longview, Texas plant on March 15, 1968, for sale in the State of Mississippi. There are 24 cans per case and the beer is packaged in both 12 fluid and 16 fluid ounce cans. All of this beer bears black letters on the bottom of each can which shows the Mississippi State Tax. Other than the use of the bottom lids bearing this lettering there is no other markings designating a particular distributor or other information placed on the can at the time of production other than the date stamp which is coded on the bottom lid at the time.

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On 4/8/68 at Longview, Texas File # Dallas 44-2649

by SA CHARLES L. BROWN, JR./pd Date dictated 4/9/68

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Date 4/10/68

Mr. J. C. SPIEKERMAN, JR., Plant Manager, Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company, Longview, Texas Plant, advised canned beer produced by this plant is stamped on the bottom of each can at the time of packaging with a code number which designates the date, month, and year it was produced. He gave the following code number as an example:

Code No. 03  
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The number 03 refers to the month and the 15 refers to the day of the month while the 8 refers to the year.

Therefore, this particular stamp on a can of beer produced by this firm means it was produced on March 15, 1968.

Mr. SPIEKERMAN stated that no other stamps or markings are placed on the beer can by this firm when produced and packaged. He stated that the lids which are placed on the bottom of each can of beer produced for the sale in the State of Mississippi bear markings showing the Mississippi State Tax as being paid. These markings are in the form of black lettering showing "Mississippi Tax Paid", the Great Seal of Mississippi, and the amount of the tax, "4 Cents" or "5 1/3", this latter amount depending on the size of the beer can, 12 or 16 fluid ounces as the case may be. This lettering is within a black circle. The other marking on the can which is different from other cans used by Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company is that the can shows the beer was produced at a particular plant. The beer produced by the Longview plant shows Longview, Texas.

Mr. SPIEKERMAN advised that Schlitz beer sold in the State of Mississippi is sold through the following distributors, all located in the State of Mississippi:

- (1) F & F Distributing Company, Magnolia and West Rail Road Street, Biloxi
- (2) Service Beverage Company, P. O. Box 474, Clarksdale
- (3) Wells Distributing Company, P. O. Box 647, Cleveland
- (4) Hunter Distributing Company, 2106 Highway 82 East, Columbus

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On 4/8/68 at Longview, Texas

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- (5) Port City Beverage Company, 533 North Edison, Greenville
- (6) Carnaggio Distributing Company, 506 Carrollton Avenue, Greenwood
- (7) Bill Hannan Distributing Company, 981 Commerce Street, Grenada
- (8) Hattiesburg Beverage Company, 603 East Front, Hattiesburg
- (9) Capitol City Beverage Company, 407 Guidici, Jackson
- (10) Austin Distributing Company, 111 East Michigan Avenue, McComb
- (11) Mississippi Beverage Company, 615--22nd Avenue South, Meridian
- (12) Bluff City Distributing Company, 305 Fisk Avenue, Natchez
- (13) Foster Beverage Company, 318 East Main Street, Tupelo
- (14) Canal Beverage Company, 1318 Levee Street, Vicksburg
- (15) Yazoo Distributing Company, Yazoo City

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Date: **4-12-68**Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **airtel** **air mail**  
(Priority)**To: SAC, Jackson (157-9586)****From: Director, FBI (44-38861)****MURKIN****ReJNtel 4-11-68.**

Latent fingerprints and latent impression, which maybe  
a finger or palm print, not identical fingerprints **BILLY RAY WHITE**,  
FBI #990 395 D. No palm prints here for White.

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- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReJNtel 4-11-68.

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Unidentified latent fingerprints this case are not identical with fingerprints of Robert Owen Sheridan, FBI #961 961 D, born [redacted] Mt. Vernon, Illinois, who may be identical with person mentioned urairtel.

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987), ~~NEW ORLEANS, JACKSON AND KNOXVILLE~~  
FROM RICHMOND (44-657)  
MURKIN - CR, OOMEMPHIS

IRA GLENN WISEMAN, ROANOKE, VA., ADVISED APRIL ELEVEN LAST,  
HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, JAMES HENRY SHORT, ONE SEVEN TWO TWO TULLAMORE  
ST., ALEXANDRIA, LA., CLAIMS TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF PERSON WHO KILLED  
KING. SHORT DISAPPEARED FROM HIS HOME TEN DAYS AGO AND WHEREABOUTS  
NOT KNOWN UNTIL APRIL ELEVEN LAST WHEN HIS WIFE JACQUELINE RECEIVED  
INFORMATION SHORT PASSED INS CHECKS HOLIDAY INN, RONAOKE, VA.,

WISEMAN LOCATED SHORT AND TOOK HIM TO HIS HOME. SHORT INFORMED  
WISEMAN HE WAS IN MEMPHIS DAY KING WAS KILLED AND COULD IDENTIFY  
KILLER BUT NOT BY NAME.

SHORT INTERVIEWED AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING: HE SERVED SEVEN  
YEARS IN USAF, NO. AF ONE THREE SEVEN ZERO FIVE FIVE ONE SIX, UN-  
DESIRABLE DISCHARGE NOV. THIRTY, SIXTYSEVEN. EMPLOYED BY AFCO  
SCHOOL EQUIPMENT CO., ALEXANDRIA, LA. WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN RESIDE  
THERE.

CLAIMS ASSOCIATION WITH A COMMUNIST EUGENE BATTLE, NEGRO MALE,  
FIVE SEVEN TO FIVE EIGHT, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTY,  
BLACK KINKY HAIR, SPECIALIST E-FOUR ASSIGNED TO SAME AF UNIT,

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THREE ONE NINE TH AIR COMMANDO SQUAD AT ELGIN AFB, FLORIDA. HOME ADDRESS, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

SHORT DENIES MEMBERSHIP IN CP OR UKA, KKKKK.

SHORT CONTACTED TELEPHONICALLY MONDAY EVENING, APRIL ONE, LAST BY UNKNOWN MAN, WHO STATED HE WAS WANTED ON A "JOB" AT MEMPHIS, BETWEEN TWO THIRTY AND THREE PM, APRIL FOUR LAST. HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO COME TO ROOM ONE TWO SIX AT THE DOWNTOWNER MOTOR INN, MEMPHIS, TO GO ~~XXX~~ THROUGH JACKSON, MISS., EN ROUTE AND PICK UP A MAN NAMED DICK COLLINS AT THE HOLIDAY INN, JACKSON, ON APRIL THREE LAST.

SHORT PROCEEDED TO JACKSON IN HIS SIXTYSEVEN TWO DOOR BLUE BOTTOM VINYL COMET, ARRIVING AT HOLIDAY INN ABOUT MIDNIGHT APRIL THREE LAST. HE CHECKED IN USING HIS RIGHT NAME. COLLINS, A WHITE MALE, CONTACTED HIM ABOUT ELEVEN THIRTY AM, APRIL FOUR LAST, AND THEY DROVE TO MEMPHIS, ARRIVING ABOUT FIVE THIRTY PM. THEY FOUND THREE WHITE MEN AND ONE NEGRO MAN IN ROOM ~~XXXX~~ ONE TWO SIX OF THE DOWNTOWNER MOTEL. NO. ONE, A WHITE MALE, EARLY FIFTIES, SIX FT. ONE, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY LBS., BLACK HAIR, TURNING GRAY, APPEARED TO BE LEADER. HE WAS IMPATIENT WITH SHORT FOR BEING LATE AND

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POINTED OUT A YOUNG NEATLY DRESSED WHITE MAN HOLDING WHAT APPEARED TO BE A GUN CASE AND STATED HE DROVE FROM NEW ORLEANS AND WAS THERE ON TIME.

NO. ONE STATED THEY WOULD HAVE TO HURRY BECAUSE KING WAS STAYING IN A MOTEL ABOUT ELEVEN BLOCKS AWAY. HE NEVER MENTIONED KILLING KING BUT INSTRUCTED SHORT, COLLINS AND THE OTHER THREE MEN THEY WERE TO GO TO THE MOTEL AND CREATE A DISTURBANCE IN THE VICINITY SO AS TO DISTRACT THE ATTENTION OF ANY SECURITY GUARDS. THE GROUP LEFT THE DOWNTOWNER MOTEL. COLLINS AND THE NEGRO ENTERED A LIGHT COLORED LATE MOTEL BUICK OR OLDS. NO. ONE AND THE OTHER TWO MEN ENTERED A LATE MODEL CHRYSLER. SHORT DROVE HIS OWN AUTOMOBILE AND ON WAY TO MOTEL DECIDED HE DID NOT WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN A DISTURBANCE AND PROCEEDED TO KINGSPORT, TENN. HE WAS DRIVING ON INTERSTATE TWO FOUR ZERO WHEN HE HEARD OF THE ASSASSINATION BY RADIO.

SHORT CHECKED INTO THE HOLIDAY INN AT KINGSPORT, TENN., AT ONE THIRTY AM, APRIL FIVE LAST. HE CONTINUED TO ROANOKE, VA., NEXT MORNING AND CHECKED INTO HOLIDAY INN, NO. TWO, AT ONE FOURTYFOUR AM, APRIL SIX LAST.

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HE STAYED THERE UNTIL FOUND BY WISEMAN. THIS VERIFIED BY MOTEL RECORDS.

NO. TWO WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY THIRTY, MEDIUM BUILD AND COMPLEXION, WELL DRESSED.

NO. THREE WHITE MALE, THIRTY - FORTY, LIGHT HAIR, SLENDER BUILD, SIX FT. FOUR IN., ONE HUNDRED EIGHT LBS.

NO. FOUR, NEGRO MALE, LATE TWENTIES, OR EARLY THIRTIES, FIVE FT. ELEVEN IN., ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., LIGHT COMPLEXION, BLACK HAIR, CUT CLOSE, WELL DRESSED.

COLLINS, WHITEMALE, MIDDLE THIRTIES, MEDIUM BUILD AND COMPLEXION WELL DRESSED, DARK HAIR.

SHORT, WHITE MALE, [REDACTED]  
WEST VA., FIVE FT. NINE, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY LBS., DARK BROWN WAVY HAIR, BROWN EYES, MEDIUM COMPLEXION AND BUILD, DRIVING SIXTYSEVEN COMET, LA. LICENSE TWO FOUR E NINE NINE THREE.

SHORT ADMITTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
HE PAID MOTEL BILL AT HOLIDAY INN OF ONE HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS WITH GULF CREDIT CARD, NO. ONE THREE ONE FIVE SEVEN EIGHT THREE FOUR - FOUR.

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BEFORE ANY CREDENCE IS PLACED IN THIS STORY, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT MEMPHIS ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND VERIFY THE INDIVIDUALS AND INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SHORT PERTAINING TO THE DOWNTOWNER MOTEL. NO LEADS ARE BEING SET FORTH <sup>FOR</sup> AT JACKSON, NEW ORLEANS OR KNOXVILLE AT THIS TIME TO VERIFY OTHER PORTIONS PENDING RECEIPT <sup>OF</sup> FROM INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN AS TO WHETHER THERE IS ANY AUTHENTICITY TO THIS STORY.

MAIL COPIES TO NEW ORLEANS, JACKSON AND KNOXVILLE.

END.

*Mrs. D. L. Gray, Desk Clerk, Halliday Inn, South West, Jackson, Miss., furnished registration records for the month of April. No record of registration found identifiable with SHORT or COLLINS.*

*ZAIDA DOBSON  
Mrs. Zaida Dobson, desk clerk, Halliday Inn, Route 51 North, furnished records for the month of April. No record of registration found identifiable with SHORT or COLLINS.*

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-

RE: MURKIN  
CR

OO: ME

Re JN tel to Bureau, etc., 4/8/68.

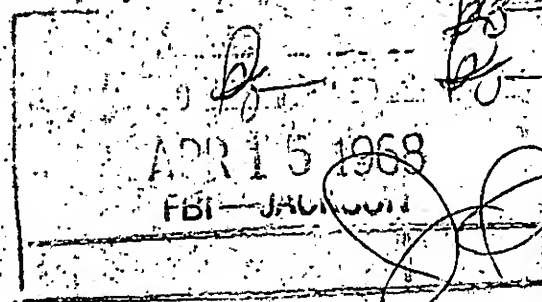
Referenced teletype indicated that one ROBERT OWEN SHERIDAN was arrested by local authorities at Holly Springs, Mississippi on 4/8/68 on vagrancy charge.

When interviewed SHERIDAN advised that he had arrived in Millington, Tennessee on Thursday, April 4, 1968, and was currently registered at the Rip Van Winkle Motel in that city. SHERIDAN advised that he had gone to Holly Springs, Mississippi, on 4/7/68 and had registered at the Holly Inn Motel because he was unable to make long distance telephone calls from Tennessee as all the phone lines were tied up.

Investigation at Memphis indicates SHERIDAN registered at Rip Van Winkle Motel 4/6/68 and was still registered on 4/8/68. Registration card at Rip Van Winkle Motel indicates subject driving 1966 Cadillac with Illinois License HJ 167. Miscellaneous clothing, a polaroid camera and one U. S. Royal Laredo tire 900x15 had been removed from his room by the manager and was being kept in the manager's office.

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1 - Chicago (Info)  
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2 - Memphis  
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Referenced teletype indicates SHERIDAN photographed and fingerprinted and fingerprints submitted to Bureau.

Bureau is requested to compare fingerprints of SHERIDAN with those previously submitted in this case.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
SAC, ST. LOUIS + *MEMPHIS*

FROM SAC SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR.

ROBERT L. PLUNK, WHITE, MALE, THIRTY FOUR, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FIVE FEET, TEN INCHES,  
ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR (RECEDING), BROWN  
EYES, WAS PASSENGER ON TRAIN NUMBER SIX IC RAILROAD TO ST.  
LOUIS, MISSOURI, FIVE AM THIS DATE. PLUNK BRIEFLY INTERVIEWED  
CARBONDALE, ILL., IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY TRAIN  
PERSONNEL INDICATING PLUNK RESEMBLED ARTIST'S SKETCH OF ASSASSIN  
OF DR. KING. PLUNK RESIDING R. R. TWO, MICHIE, TENN., WITH  
MOTHER, EULIA PLUNK, BOARDED IC PASSENGER TRAIN NUMBER TEN OUT  
OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, AT CORINTH, MISS., WITH ROUND-TRIP  
TICKET TO ST. LOUIS. PLUNK PRODUCED LETTER FROM VETERAN'S  
ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL (VAH), ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ADDRESSED  
TO ROBERT L. PLUNK, R. R. TWO, NICHIE, TENN., [REDACTED]

LETTER DIRECTED PLUNK TO REPORT

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1 - Springfield (44-561)  
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VAH, A ONE THREE NINE, OUT-PATIENT SERVICE, NINE ONE FIVE NORTH  
GRAND, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DUE TO BRIEF OPPORTUNITY IN INTERVIEW FOLLOWING  
BEING REQUESTED OF RECEIVING OFFICES:

ST. LOUIS AT VAH IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW PLUNK AND OBTAIN  
PHOTOGRAPH AND FORWARD MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS AT MICHE AND MURPHYREESBORO, TENN., CHECK FOR  
BACKGROUND AND ESTABLISH MOVEMENTS OF PLUNK DURING PERTINENT  
PERIOD.

INFORMATION MAIL COPY TO JACKSON INASMUCH AS PLUNK BOARDED  
PASSENGER TRAIN NUMBER TEN AT CORINTH, MISS.

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TO SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987) (3P)

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR, SACS MEMPHIS AND  
BIRMINGHAM APRIL TEN LAST CONCERNING JAY WALLIS VERNON.

IN A REVIEW OF THE MATERIAL IN YOUR TEL AND IN THE  
LIGHT OF FACT THAT VERNON'S FINGERPRINTS DO NOT CORRESPOND  
TO LATENTS ON MATERIAL DEVELOPED IN MEMPHIS INVESTIGATION,  
THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS ARE MADE:

THERE IS A STRIKING SIMILARITY BETWEEN VERNON AND  
ARTISTS' CONCEPTION PREPARED AT MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.  
GEOGRAPHICAL ORIENTATION OF VERNON IN TENNESSEE, ALABAMA,  
TEXAS AND CALIFORNIA CORRESPONDS TO BACKGROUND DEVELOPED  
CONCERNING UNSUB. UNSUB APPEARS SMALLER BUT SIMILAR IN  
APPEARANCE. HIS LAUNDRY MAY HAVE BEEN PROCESSED IN  
VERNON'S LAUNDRY IN LOS ANGELES.

DEVELOP ALL POSSIBLE BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING VERNON

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1 - MOBILE (AM) (ENC. 1)  
1 - JACKSON (AM) (ENC. 1)  
1 - NEW ORLEANS (AM) (ENC. 1)  
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Understand  
Diagrams  
Vernon was located  
and interviewed  
and call SAT's  
2 to 3 months and always pd in 10 to 15 days

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TRAVELS DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. FURNISH ANY DATA DEVELOPED CONCERNING IDENTITY OF HIS VEHICLE, DRIVER'S LICENSE DATA AND IN PARTICULAR ASSOCIATES.

PARTICULAR INQUIRY SHOULD BE MADE AS TO WHETHER VERNON OR ASSOCIATES HAD ANY INTEREST IN RACIAL MATTERS, ANY ORIENTATION TO KLAN OR SIMILAR RACIST ORGANIZATIONS. ASCERTAIN WHETHER HE HAD ANY CLOSE ASSOCIATES IN BATON ROUGE, AREA, MEMPHIS AREA, BIRMINGHAM AREA OR MOBILE PASCAGOULA AREA IN ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI.

DETERMINE WHETHER ANY TOLL TELEPHONE CALLS WERE MADE FROM HIS PHONE EITHER BUSINESS OR RESIDENCE TO BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, MOBILE OR NEW ORLEANS DIVISIONS.

RECORDS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION INDICATE ONE JEROME WALLIS VERNON, WHITE MALE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT PAMPA, TEXAS, WAS AN AIR FORCE DESERTER IN OCTOBER, ONE NINE SIX THREE; SAN FRANCISCO OO, AFSN ONE NINE SEVEN ZERO SEVEN THREE EIGHT THREE.

EXPLOIT ALL ASPECTS VERNON POTENTIAL AS AN ASSOCIATE OR PARTICIPANT IN MURKIN SITUATION.

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AM COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM, MOBILE, JACKSON AND  
NEW ORLEANS. COPY OF RE TEL ENCLOSED FOR MOBILE,  
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909PM URGENT 4-10-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND BIRMINGHAM  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO BUREAU BY SAC GRAPP FOUR  
TEN SIXTY EIGHT, BUTEL TO ALL OFFICES FOUR NINE SIXTY EIGHT  
AND CLEVELAND TEL TO LOS ANGELES FOUR TEN SIXTY EIGHT.

DURING CHECK OF LAUNDRIES IN HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AREA  
MARKING MACHINE BEARING SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE FOUR FIVE FOUR  
WAS LOCATED AT HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING COMPANY,  
FIVE TWO EIGHT NAUGHT HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, WHICH  
MACHINE HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY SOLD TO DELITE LAUNDRY, ONE SIX  
NAUGHT SEVEN BROOKLYN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, AND ONE OF THE  
MACHINES REFERRED TO IN ALBANY TELETYPE FOUR EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT.  
SAMPLES OF TAPES MADE BY THIS MACHINE TAKEN AND APPEAR TO BE  
IDENTICAL WITH LAUNDRY TAGS ON SUSPECT CLOTHING. THESE SPECIMENS  
BEING SENT OT FBI LABORATORY VIA AIRLINE TONIGHT.

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INVESTIGATION REFLECTS ONE JAY WALLIS VERNON, AKA JEROME WALLIS VERNON FBI NO. SEVEN FOUR THREE TWO SIX B, OPERATED THIS LAUNDRY UNTIL MARCH TWENTY FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, AND MADE NO FURTHER APPEARANCE AT LAUNDRY AFTER MARCH TWENTY SEVEN. HE IS DESCRIBED WHITE, MALE, BORN [REDACTED] TEXAS, FIVE ELEVEN, ONE NINETY FIVE, BROWN EYES, BROWN HAIR. HE IS SUBJECT OF BUFILES FORTY TWO DASH ONE SEVEN TWO SEVEN ONE SIX AND FORTY TWO DASH ONE NAUGHT ONE FOUR FOUR NINE. PHOTOGRAPH OF VERNON BEING SENT OT MEMPHIS VIA AIRLINE.

PRESENT MANAGER, LUCY PINELA, STATES SHE BELIEVES SHE HAS SEEN UNDERSHORTS OF TYPE IN PHOTO AS HAVING BEEN THROUGH HER LAUNDRY. SHE FURTHER STATED THE CODE ON THE GARMENTS WOULD HAVE BEEN USED SOME TIME AFTER MID-FEBRUARY, SIXTY EIGHT, AND THAT ALL RECORDS OF LAUNDRY, AS WELL AS TOOLS, WERE REMOVED FROM PREMISES BY VERNON. SHE LAST SAW VERNON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT. PINELA DOES NOT KNOW IDENTITY OF PRESENT OWNER. HOWEVER, TELEPHONE BILL WAS SENT TO MAURICE HOWARD, LOS ANGELES FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH TWO THREE TWO NAUGHT NAUGHT, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE FOUR TWO SIX NAUGHT TWO, WHO IS SUBJECT RESERVE INDEX SECTION B, LOS ANGELES.

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IT IS TO BE NOTED THIS LAUNDRY IS WITHIN FIVE BLOCKS OF ROMPAGE HARDWARE, WHERE PLIERS FOUND IN MEMPHIS APPARENTLY ORIGINATED. PHOTO OF VERNON DISPLAYED TO CURRENT EMPLOYEES ROMPAGE HARDWARE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

BUREAU AND MEMPHIS WILL BE ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF IDENTITY OF AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER AND NAME OF CAPTAIN OF PLANE ON WHICH EVIDENCE AND PHOTOS BEING FORWARDED.

MEMPHIS SHOULD DISPLAY PHOTO TO ALL POSSIBLE WITNESSES AND ADVISE BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES OF RESULTS.

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE PRINTS OF VERNON, FBI NUMBER SEVEN FOUR THREE TWO TWO SIX B, WITH ANY LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED THIS MATTER.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT LOS ANGELES TO DETERMINE PRESENT LOCATION OF VERNON.

INVESTIGATION RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT NEGATIVE TO DATE. NO RECORD OF GALT AT AMERICAN INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LOS ANGELES.

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1:44PM 4-14-68 URGENT LDG

TO MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN.

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END.

FBI WASH DC

637PM URGENT 4/14/68 GJM

TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 3P

MURKIN.

ERIC STARVO GALT, THE PRINCIPAL SUSPECT, HAS BEEN REPORTED AS HAVING ATTENDED DANCING SCHOOLS IN BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS AND CALIFORNIA. ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK ALL DANCING SCHOOLS IN YOUR TERRITORIES FOR ANY RECORD OF PRIOR ATTENDANCE AT ANY SUCH SCHOOLS BY GALT AND RUN OUT ANY LEADS DEVELOPED. GALT REPORTEDLY SIGNED UP FOR A ONE YEAR DANCING COURSE IN NEW ORLEANS IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR; TOOK DANCING LESSONS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS IN BIRMINGHAM BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN; AND TOOK A FOUR HUNDRED NINETYNINE DOLLAR DANCE COURSE FROM DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN TO FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

ONE DANCE INSTRUCTOR HAS STATED THAT GALT IS "CRAZY" ABOUT DANCING BUT A POOR DANCER AND DIFFICULT TO TEACH  
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BECAUSE HE DOES NOT REMEMBER INSTRUCTIONS. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS AN INTROVERT WHO VOLUNTEERS NO INFORMATION AND REPLIES WITH YES OR NO ANSWERS WHEN ASKED; DID NOT MINGLE WITH OTHER STUDENTS AND MADE NO EFFORTS TO MAKE FRIENDS OR CONVERSE WITH ANYONE.

ANOTHER DANCE INSTRUCTOR STATED GALT IS A GOOD DANCER, DISPLAYED SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT, RURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF LANGUAGE AND DICTION, TEETH STRAIGHT AND CLEAN, FINGERNAILS CLEAN AND NEATLY TRIMMED,; WORE GOLD RING WITH DARK STONE; ALWAYS NEATLY DRESSED WITH SUIT AND SHINY SLIP ON TYPE BLACK ALLIGATOR SHOES WITH THIN SOLES, BLACK HOSE AND WORE TIE TACK AND CUFF LINKS. SMOKED FILTER CIGARETTES AND HAD NERVOUS HABIT OF OCCASIONALLY PULLING AT EAR LOBE. OWNER OF STUDIO STATES GALT SPOKE OF ALABAMA, SAID HE WAS A MERCHANT SEAMAN; SPOKE OF BEING IN MEXICO BUT DID NOT SPEAK SPANISH AND SPOKE ENGLISH BADLY; WAS SOCIALLY INEPT, AN INTROVERT AND A POOR DANCER BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT LOOSEN UP. SMILED RARELY AND WHEN HE DID IT WAS A NERVOUS CROOKED SMILE; PAID CASH FOR LESSONS TAKING A WAD OF BILLS FROM POCKET.

ERIC STARVO GALT DESCRIBED AS FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, BORN JULY TWENTY THIRTYONE, PLACE NOT GIVEN.

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GALT MAY HAVE USED THE NAME HARVEY LOWMYER OR JOHN WILLARD OR ANY VARIATION OF THESE TWO NAMES OR ANY OTHER NAME. IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INQUIRIES, NO INDICATION SHOULD BE GIVEN INQUIRIES ARE IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, PHILADELPHIA, PHOENIX, PORTLAND, SACRAMENTO,  
SAN ANTONIO, SEATTLE.

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

CHECK STATE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR ALL MALE BIRTHS ON  
JULY TWENTY, NINETEEN THIRTY ONE SPECIFICALLY FOR ERIC STARVO GALT,  
JOHN WILLARD AND HARVEY LOWMYER, AS WELL AS ALL VARIATIONS OF THESE  
NAMES. ALSO CHECK MALE BIRTHS FOR THIS DATE WHOSE MOTHER'S  
MAIDEN NAME WAS ONE OF THE ABOVE SURNAMES OR A LOGICAL VARIATION.  
EXPEDITE BUT DO NOT INDICATE SUCH INQUIRY IS CONNECTED WITH  
CAPTIONED CASE.

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Brief description of activity or material <u>Disturbance in Mississippi as expression of</u> <u>sympathy to assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING</u>		File where original is located if not attached <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">FOIA(b)7 - (D)</div>
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- 1 - 157-8542 (DON JACKSON)  
 1 - 157-8830 (MARVIN WILSON)  
 1 - 157-7980 (WILLIE LOWE)  
 1 - 157-8990 (GEORGE WARE)  
 1 - 157-9587 (Assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING)

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Source advised that on 4/9/68, everything in the Negro ghetto area on Lynch Street was quiet. Source stated that all the establishments were closed and that the taverns were expected to open at approximately 6:00 p.m. Source related that there was a rumor on the street that Negroes would assemble in small numbers in front of the Masonic Lodge, 1072 Lynch Street and would depart in groups of two or three in order to get through the police barricades on all the main roads leading to Lynch Street. The groups intended to meet at the Booker T. Restaurant on Farish Street at approximately 8:00 p.m. from which they intended to conduct a demonstration on Capitol Street. Source indicated that the demonstration would be that of rock throwing and the breaking of store windows. However, source felt that the required number of Negroes would not show up at the Masonic Temple or the Booker T. Restaurant because of the recent arrests in connection with the rioting, and the plan would never materialize.

At 7:00 p.m. source advised that approximately 18 individuals showed up in front of the Masonic Lodge, but no one went to the Booker T. Restaurant because enough people did not congregate or show up at the Masonic Lodge.

Source stated that DON JACKSON, MARVIN WILSON and GEORGE WARE appeared on the scene, looked the situation over, hailed a taxi-cab and advised those present that they are en route to Tougaloo, Miss.

MARVIN WILSON stated that he, JACKSON, and WARE intended to depart Jackson, Miss., on either 4/12 or 13/68, en route to Memphis, Tenn.

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Brief description of activity or material <u>Source reported regular weekly meeting of</u> <u>Unit #1, Covington Co., held 3/29/68,</u> <u>Chain's Barn, Mt. Olive. Commented on reaction</u> Remarks: and comment of the membership.		File where original is located if not attached <b>FOIA(b)7 - (D)</b>

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- 1 - 157-894 (COVINGTON, WKKKKOM)
- 1 - 157- (APWR, JONES CO.)
- 1 - 44-1512
- 1 - 157-18 (SAM BOWERS)
- 1 - 157-1752 (HUBERT HAUGHTON)
- 1 - 157-1753 (C. W. CHAIN)
- 1 - 157-5614 (CITIZENS COUNCIL, COVINGTON CO.)
- ① - 157-9586 (ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING)

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JOHN S. PONDER

JESSE NICHOLS

J. O. TILLSON

HOMER SULLIVAN

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April 5, 1968

Unit #1, Covington County, met on 3/29/68, at CHAIN's barn, Mt. Olive, Mississippi, in their regular weekly meeting. Officers present were HUBERT HAUGHTON, C. W. CHAIN, HOMER SULLIVAN; members, CECIL CHAIN, JOHN S. PONDER, JESSE NICHOLS, J. O. TILLSON. HUBERT HAUGHTON read the names of the members paying for tickets to the benefit dinner held at Laurel, Mississippi, for a benefit of the APWR and the Defense Fund of the DAHMER subjects. HAUGHTON said he had given \$335 to the APWR and \$200 to BOWERS from the unit #1 treasury. CHAIN said he expected the private school to close after this time, and was most disappointed over the citizens of Covington County in their not supporting this school.

C. W. CHAIN reported that only 25 members had paid up their dues. He said that about twenty more owed for one quarter and he was of the opinion that they would pay when contacted.

HAUGHTON said all those members he had contacted selling the tickets to the APWR dinner had given him a \$10 donation for the APWR. On 4/5/68, source reported that HAUGHTON had commented that he had gotten \$10 donations, from a number of people other than Klansmen, for the APWR dinner.

Source reported that the membership was still talking of the trials in Hattiesburg, and that they were still expressing pleasure and confidence in the trials since the result of the DE BOXTEL hung jury. He stated that he felt that their loyalty to the Klan was being maintained through the trials of these individuals, but if there are other convictions, he believes they (the Klan) will gradually die out. He doubts very seriously



if all the members will pay their dues; however, they may, but remain away as they have in the past, only contributing their dues to the Klan.

There has been some comments in the membership about BOWERS not blaming PITTS or his testifying against him, and it is believed that this reaction by BOWERS was motivated mainly by the fact that PITTS had based his changeover on his religious beliefs.

On 4/5/68, source reported that about all he had heard that day were comments concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Many resented the big play he was getting, and very few expressed any displeasure at the act. He stated he was surprised at some of the business people that were commenting as they were; however, he felt that any other reflection would indicate they thought it was a very bad thing because of the influence on the rest of the nation.

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RE MEMPHIS TEL TO JACKSON APRIL THIRTEEN INSTANT.

TATE COUNTY, MISS. TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, CREDIT BUREAU,  
 SO, AND POST OFFICE, COLDWATER, MISS. NEGATIVE RE A. W.  
 DENLSON.

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DANIELS SIX ZERO FOUR SHORT ST. GREENVILLE, MISS. FOR  
FIFTYSIX PLYMOUTH TWODOOR.

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 RECORD ON DANIELS, N/M, DOB EIGHTEEN <sup>NINETY TWO</sup> ~~NINETWO~~ OR EIGHTEEN  
 NINETYSEVEN.

GREENVILLE PD HAS RECORD ON ABNER WESSON DONALDSON.

DONALDSON IS KNOWN TO BOTH MEMPHIS AND JACKSON DIVISIONS  
 AS BURGLARER ~~HAS~~ FBI NUMBER TWO - ONE SEVEN TWO FIVE ZERO  
 EIGHT, WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES AND THREE EIGHTS,  
 ONE SEVEN ONE POUNDS, DOB OCTOBER TWENTYSEVEN ~~SEVENTEEN~~,  
 TROY, TENN., SHELBY, COUNTY, TENN. SO # ONE EIGHT ZERO THREE

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MEMPHIS DISPLAY PHOTO OF DONALDSON TO WITNESSES AND ALBERTS MOTEL PROPRIETOR TO DETERMINE IF HE IS IDENTICAL WITH DENLSON. ~~MEMPHIS SHOULD NOTE MUSTANG AUTOMOBILES SHOULD DISPLAY LICENSE TAG WITH LETTERS WB FOLLOWED BY TAG NUMBER.~~ IF DONALDSON CANNOT BE ELIMINATED BY PHOTO MEMPHIS SHOULD REQUEST LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION TO COMPARE HIS PRINTS WITH LATENT PRINTS OF VALUE.

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DETAILED AIRTEL FOLLOWS. END.

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TO JACKSON

FROM MEMPHIS

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INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS REVEALED A. W. DENLSON, COLDWATER,  
MISSISSIPPI, REGISTERED AT ALBERT'S MOTEL, FIVE TWO NINE SIX,  
HIGHWAY FIFTY ONE NORTH, MEMPHIS, ON APRIL TWO SIXTY EIGHT,  
DRIVING FORD WITH MISSISSIPPI LICENSE W TWO FOUR FIVE ONE.

JACKSON AT JACKSON DETERMINE IF AUTOMOBILE IS WHITE  
MUSTANG AND IF INFORMATION POSITIVE AT COLDWATER, MISSISSIPPI,  
DETERMINE POSSIBLE CONNECTION DENLSON MAY HAVE WITH  
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES  
FROM: JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE, APRIL TWELVE.

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RE LONNIE PHIL SMITH, FORMER BOARDER, ECONOMY BOARDINGHOUSE, BIRMINGHAM.

SMITH INTERVIEWED, BILOXI, MISS., VA HOSPITAL, WHERE HE IS A PATIENT <sup>AND</sup> ADVISED HE RESIDED ECONOMY BOARDINGHOUSE, BIRMINGHAM, FOR A WEEK IN SEPTEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN, WHILE A MALE NURSE AT HANOVER HOUSE NURSING HOME, BIRMINGHAM. NAMES ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER UNFAMILIAR TO SMITH ALTHOUGH HE STATED NAME GALT IS VAGUELY FAMILIAR. DURING PERTINENT WEEK IN SEPTEMBER SMITH BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH AN INDIVIDUAL HE DESCRIBED AS BEING WHITE MALE, LATE TWENTIES, MEDIUM HEIGHT, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BUSINESS CUT, WELL MANNERED, ALWAYS WELL DRESSED. DUE TO SMITH'S FAILING EYESIGHT, THIS

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INDIVIDUAL ALSO STAYING AT ECONOMY BOARDINGHOUSE DROVE SMITH IN SMITH'S VEHICLE TO LEEDS, ALABAMA, TO VISIT SMITH'S DYING BROTHER, OTTO SMITH, (NOW DECEASED), AND SISTER-IN-LAW, FRANCES SMITH. SMITH ADVISED FRANCES SMITH EMPLOYED AS NURSE AT LEEDS, ALABAMA, HOSPITAL, AND THAT SHE AND HER DAUGHTER, GAYLESSMITH, MET THE INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED ABOVE. SMITH ADVISED THAT INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS NOT VERY TALKATIVE BUT STATED HE WAS AN ARTIST. FURTHER SMITH ADVISED HE HAD SEEN THIS INDIVIDUAL TALKING ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AT ECONOMY BOARDINGHOUSE WITH OWNER MR. FNU CHEETER (PHONETIC) CONCERNING REPAIRS TO BOARDINGHOUSE.

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AND FURTHER STATED THIS WAS THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL HE REMEMBERS MEETING WHILE AT THE BOARDINGHOUSE IN BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM. IF NOT PREVIOUSLY HANDLED, INTERVIEW FIRST NAME UNKNOWN CHEETER AT ECONOMY ROOMING HOUSE AND LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FRANCES SMITH AND GAYLE SMITH, LEEDS, ALABAMA. EXHIBIT COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPHS OF GALT FOR ELIMINATION OR IDENTIFICATION.

JACKSON. WILL EXHIBIT COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPHS TO SMITH AND ADVISE INTERESTED OFFICES OF RESULTS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES  
FROM JACKSON (157-9586) 3P

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738PM URGENT 4-12-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND JACKSON  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL APRIL ELEVEN, LAST, SETTING FORTH NAMES OF  
GUESTS WHO RESIDED ECONOMY ROOMING HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM, DURING  
PERTINENT PERIOD OF ERIC GALT'S RESIDENCE, AUGUST TWENTYSIX TO  
OCTOBER SEVEN, SIXTYSEVEN. INVESTIGATION BIRMINGHAM DISCLOSED  
LAWRENCE HOWELL RESIDED IN ROOM TWENTYTHREE AT BOARDING HOUSE FROM  
AUGUST TO OCTOBER THREE, SIXTYSEVEN. HOWELL EMPLOYED FEDERAL  
AVIATION AGENCY AND RESIDES ONE EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT DIVISON,  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, TELEPHONE SIX EIGHT TWO - NINE EIGHT FOUR ZERO.  
ADDITIONAL GUEST AT ROOMING HOUSE IS LONNIE P. SMITH, WHO RESIDED  
ROOM TWENTYTWO FROM SEPTEMBER TWO TO NINE, SIXTYSEVEN. SMITH  
PRESENTLY IN VA HOSPITAL, BILOXI, MISS., BEING TREATED FOR ARTHRITIS.  
MEMPHIS AND JACKSON INTERVIEW FOR ANY POSITIVE INFO RE ERIC  
GALT..

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

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Re Memphis teletype to Jackson, 4/13/68, and Jackson teletype to Memphis, 4/13/68.

JOHN PICKLE, MHSP Dispatcher, Batesville, Miss., advised that Mississippi license W2451 is registered to IKE DANIELS, 604 Short Street, Greenville, Mississippi, for a 1956 Plymouth, two door.

On 4/13/68, Sheriff JOE W. TAYLOR (NA), Tate County, Senatobia, Miss., which covers Coldwater, Mississippi, advised the name A. W. DENLSON and IKE DANIELS were unknown to him.

On 4/13/68, records, Credit Bureau, Oxford, Miss., which covers Tate County, Miss., were negative re A. W. DENLSON and IKE DANIELS.

On April 13, 1968, a review of telephone directory for Coldwater, Senatobia, and area was negative re A. W. DENLSON.

On 4/13/68, SA CHARLES W. WILMORE, JR., confirmed that Miss. license W2451 was registered to IKE DANIELS, 604 Short Street North, Greenville, Mississippi, for a 1956 Plymouth, two door.

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③ - Jackson  
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Records, Greenville PD, reflect DANIELS is a Negro male with date of birth 1892 or 1897. DANIELS has arrest record for minor misdemeanors, Greenville Police Department. Records on A. W. DENLSON negative.

Greenville Police Department has record on A. W. DONALDSON (ABNER WESSON DONALDSON), a white male.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 4/13/68 W. H. BURFORD, Assistant Postmaster, U. S. Post Office, Coldwater, Mississippi, advised that he could locate no record on A. W. DENLSON from Coldwater, Miss.

For the information of the Memphis Division, ABNER WESSON DONALDSON, FBI Number 2-172508, is known to both the Memphis and Jackson Divisions as a small time gambler and small time hoodlum as well as a burglar.

DONALDSON described from Jackson indices as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'7 3/8"
Weight	171 pounds
DOB	10/27/17
POB	Troy, Tennessee.

DONALDSON's photograph is available at the Sheriff's Office, Memphis, Tennessee, number 18031.

The very good possibility exists that A. W. DENLSON is identical with ABNER WESSON DONALDSON.

LEADS:

MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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Eliminate DONALDSON by displaying his photograph to witness number two. Display DONALDSON's photograph to appropriate personnel, Albert's Motel, 5296 Highway 51 North, Memphis, in an effort to determine if he is identical with A. W. DENLSON.

JACKSON

AT GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

1. Will contact IKE DANIELS, 604 Short Street, Greenville, and ascertain why his license tag W2451 was displayed on a white Ford on 4/2/68 at Memphis, Tennessee, at Albert's Motel.

2. Determine if DANIELS knows A. W. DENLSON or ABNER WESSON DONALDSON, aka Snooky.

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TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)  
SAC, JACKSON  
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

RE: MURKIN

*Index* Re NO tel 4-11-68.

Latent fingerprints this case not identical fingerprints of  
BILLY DAVIS McGRUFF, date of birth 7-14-31, Senatobia, Mississippi,  
Army Service #RA 14 301 619. No palm prints available.

DAB/lvc

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: JACKSON (157-<sup>9586</sup>7106)

MURKIN.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO IS CLOSE TO RICHARD BARRETT HAS ADVISED THAT BARRETT WAS IN JACKSON, MISS., ON MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY, LAST. OTHER SOURCES ADVISE BARRETT WAS IN JACKSON MARCH THIRTY ONE, APRIL ONE THROUGH PRESENT.

END.

ADDENDUM: THE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS

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11-33AM URGENT 4-13-68 BJM

TO DIRECTOR

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO IS CLOSE TO RICHARD BARRETT HAS ADVISED THAT BARRETT WAS IN JACKSON, MISS., ON MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY, LAST. OTHER SOURCES ADVISE BARRETT WAS IN JACKSON MARCH THIRTY ONE, APRIL ONE THROUGH PRESENT.

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711PM URGENT 4-12-68 JKK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO JACKSON THIS DATE RE JOHN WILLARD.

MRS. GLORIA GIBSON, PERSONNEL CLERK, DAY-WRITE LIGHTING  
COMPANY TUPELO, MISS., HAS ADVISED HER RECORDS REFLECT

*Miller*  
JOHN HUBERT WILLARD CHECKED IN AT THE PLANT MARCH TWENTY NINE,

SIXTY EIGHT, AT SIX FORTY SIX AM AND CHECKED OUT

AT THREE THIRTY TWO PM. RECORDS REFLECT WILLARD

WORKED SAT., MARCH THIRTY, SIXTY EIGHT, CHECKING IN AT

SIX FORTY FIVE AM AND CHECKED OUT AT THREE THIRTY ONE PM.

RECORDS REFLECT WILLARD WAS AT WORK APRIL ONE THROUGH

APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, AND CHECKED OUT AT THREE THIRTY TWO

PM, APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

MRS. GIBSON FURTHER STATED SHE HAS NO RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT  
FOR ERIC STARVO GALT AND HARVEY LOWMEYER OR HARVEY LOWMYER.

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FOR INFORMATION BUREAU WILLARD WAS INTERVIEWED BY  
BUAGENTS ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT, WAS PHOTOGRAPHED APRIL  
FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT, AND PHOTOGRAPHS WERE DELIVERED BY BUAGENTS  
TO MEMPHIS THAT DATE.

MEMPHIS HAS ADVISED THAT PHOTOGRAPHS OF WILLARD WERE  
EXHIBITED TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES AND ELIMINATED.

END.

GFH

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END.

TSJ

FBI MEMPHIS

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Date: 4/12/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO JACKSON THIS DATE <sup>RE</sup> ~~THE~~ JOHN  
WILLARD.

MRS. GLORIA GIBSON, PERSONNEL CLERK, DAY-BRITE LIGHTING COMPANY, TUPELO, MISS., HAS ADVISED ~~THAT~~ HER RECORDS REFLECT JOHN HUBEART WILLARD CHECKED IN AT THE PLANT MARCH TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, AT SIX FORTY SIX AM AND CHECKED OUT AT THREE THIRTY TWO PM. RECORDS ~~FURTHER~~ REFLECT WILLARD WORKED SAT., MARCH THIRTY, SIXTY EIGHT, CHECKING IN AT SIX FORTY FIVE AM AND CHECKED OUT AT THREE THIRTY ONE PM. RECORDS ~~FURTHER~~ REFLECT WILLARD WAS AT WORK APRIL ONE THROUGH APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, AND CHECKED OUT AT THREE THIRTY TWO PM, APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

MRS. GIBSON FURTHER STATED SHE HAS NO RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT FOR ERIC STARVO GALT AND HARVEY LOWMEYER OR HARVEY LOWMYER.

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FGH:ccs

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TO MEMPHIS THAT DATE.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: APRIL 12, 1968

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

RE: MURKIN

Re Mobile teletype to Houston, Jackson,  
Memphis 4/11/68.

Enclosed for Memphis Division is one (1) photograph  
of DONNIE LEON HARDEN, obtained from Ingalls Shipyard,  
Pascagoula, Miss.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
EDGAR L. O'NEILL, JR., at Pascagoula, Miss., on 4/11/68:

LEROY HAMILTON, Guard, Ingalls Shipyard, Pascagoula,  
Miss., advised that the shipyard was closed until Tuesday  
4/16/68. He made available the personnel file of one DONNIE  
LEON HARDEN, and also furnished a photograph of HARDEN. The  
following background data was obtained re HARDEN:

Name  
Address

Prior address

DONNIE LEON HARDEN  
Route "C", Evergreen,  
Alabama (As of 11/16/67)  
162 Alverson Road,  
Mobile, Alabama (As of 10/28/66)

2 - Memphis (Enc 1)  
2 - Mobile  
1 - Houston  
② - Jackson *yv*  
ELO:yv  
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Employment number at Ingalls Shipyard	9-34813
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Wetumpka, Alabama
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6 feet 3 inches
Weight	240 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Remarks	[REDACTED]

LEROY HAMILTON checked with (FNU) GOLDMAN in Number 9 Headhouse Office at the shipyard, and learned that HARDEN was not reported absent on 4/4/68. An additional check with BOB HART at the Time Office at the Shipyard revealed that HARDEN credited with working from 7:00 A. M., to 3:30 P. M., on 4/4/68.

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TO: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)  
MURKIN

Re Tampa teletype to Director and Jackson, 4/8/68.

Numerous attempts were made to contact Mrs. SUE MALEY of 1125 Poplar Boulevard, Jackson, Mississippi, from 4/8/68 to date.

Mrs. MALEY contacted 4/12/68 and stated her son was in Florida, and she did not desire to talk to anyone as she had been under the care of a doctor.

Mr. RUFUS CREEKMORE, Attorney, Jackson, contacted and stated that Mrs. SUE MALEY advised him she had been contacted by FBI concerning her son's whereabouts.

Mr. CREEKMORE stated that CHARLES E. MALEY, III, has had numerous traffic tickets with the Jackson PD and has been under the care of a psychiatrist and is a very nervous person. Mr. CREEKMORE stated that CHARLES MALEY was still in Florida to the best of his knowledge.

Tampa should note in referenced teletype that MALEY left motel about 10:30 to 11:00 on Thursday, 4/4/68. Tampa should determine from New Yorker Motel in Clearwater, Florida,

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whether CHARLES MALEY left AM or PM on 4/4/68 as if MALEY left motel at PM he could not be considered suspect in this matter.

If MALEY left 10:30 to 11:00 AM on 4/4/68, check flights from Tampa to Memphis to determine if CHARLES MALEY a passenger on these flights.

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TO JACKSON

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1957

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS, OO: ME.

INVESTIGATION MEMPHIS REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE REGISTERED INTO THE LORRAINE HOTEL DASH MOTEL, FOUR ZERO SIX MULBERRY AVE., MEMPHIS, ON EITHER APRIL THREE OR FOUR, LAST, OR BOTH DATES. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE LORRAINE HOTEL IS WHERE DR. KING WAS ASSASSINATED:

R. B. COTTEREADE, ROOM TWO ZERO TWO, APRIL THREE, LAST, ADDRESS FOUR ZERO EIGHT THIRD ST., MARKS, MISSISSIPPI.

JIMMIE GUEMOOR, ROOM FOURTEEN, APRIL FOUR, LAST, ADDRESS, SEVEN FIFTY PEARL ST., GRENADA, MISS.

INTERVIEW ALL INDIVIDUALS LISTED RE ANY INFO THEY MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING ASSASSINATION.

*Inc from [unclear] 7:50 P.M. 4/13/68 @*  
*Van Note 7:55 P.M. 4/13/68 @*  
*Sammon 8:30 P.M. 4/13/68 @*

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*John*

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FOR INFO. OF JACKSON, DR. KING WAS SHOT WHILE  
STANDING WITH HIS BACK TO HIS ROOM ON THE BALCONY ON THE  
SECOND FLOOR LEVEL AT APPROXIMATELY SIX O'CLOCK P. M. THE  
SHOT CAME FROM A DIRECTION IN FRONT OF HIM. INTERVIEWING AGENTS  
SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN ONLY FACTS FROM INDIVIDUALS INTER-  
VIEWED, KEEPING IN MIND HIGH DEGREE OF EMOTION GENERATED  
AS A RESULT OF THE ASSASSINATION, WHICH MAY AFFECT THE  
INDIVIDUAL'S ABILITY TO FACTUALLY RELATE WHAT HE OBSERVED  
AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION.

END JBC

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1112 PM URGENT 4-12-68 JWD

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE, MEMPHIS  
FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN.

JEFF RICHARDSON ADVISED THIS DATE THAT APPROXIMATELY  
TWENTY TO TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO FIRST NAME UNKNOWN GAULT,  
REPEAT GAULT, TRAVELED IN THE RIPLEY, TIPPAAH COUNTY, MISS.,  
AREA, PROCLAIMING HIMSELF A "BLACK SHIRT" AND EXTOLLING  
VIRTUES OF ADOLPH HITLER AND THE NAZI PARTY. FNU GAULT NOT  
BELIEVED TO HAVE HAD CHILDREN WHEN IN MISS.

FNU GAULT IS BROTHER OF EZRA GAULT, WHITE MALE, AGE FIFTY  
FIVE, WHO CURRENTLY RESIDES HIGHWAY NINETY, LAWTEY, OR LAWTON,  
FLORIDA, WHERE ENGAGED IN PULPWOOD AND SAWMILL BUSINESS WITH TOMMY  
TATUM, WHITE MALE, AGE FIFTY FIVE. RICHARDSON, ABOVE, IS BROTHER-  
IN-LAW OF TATUM.

TATUM AND EZRA GAULT FORMERLY RESIDED TIPPAAH COUNTY, MISS.,  
MOVED TWENTY TO TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO TO BEAR CREEK, ALA.,  
WHERE RESIDED SEVERAL YEARS, THEN MOVED TO LAWTEY, OF LAWTON, FLA.  
EZRA GAULT HAD ONE DAUGHTER, NO SONS.

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JACKSONVILLE, AT LAWTEY, FLORIDA, CONTACT EZRA GAULT AND TOMMY TATUM RE FNU GAULT IN AN ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP INFO RE SUSPECT GALT.

END.

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FBI WASH DC

HOLD PSE CRRN: SHUD BE LAWTEY OR LAWTON FLA. "NOT LAWTEY OF LAWTON" JWD

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IS THAT CORRECTION ON PAGE ONE THE SECOND TO LAST LINE

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE, MEMPHIS  
FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

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EZRA GAULT HAD ONE DAUGHTER, NO SONS

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JACKSONVILLE, AT LAWTEY, FLORIDA, CONTACT EZRA GAULT AND  
TOMMY TATUM RE FNU GAULT <sup>in an attempt to develop info re suspect</sup> ~~AND SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.~~

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)  
MURKIN  
(OO: JACKSON)

Re Jackson teletype dated 4/5/68 and Jackson letter dated 4/8/68.

Enclosed for the Memphis Office are appropriate copies of 302s and inserts. The 302s are as follows:  
Mrs. JOHN (BARBARA) WILLARD, M. C. HEMBREE, and Mrs. BARBARA WILLARD, J. L. COLLUMS, Mrs. W. J. BAKER, Mrs. JOAN EDWARDS.

2 - Memphis (Enc. 165)  
② - Jackson  
JOI:ccs  
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FRED STRANGE, Owner, Strange Motor Company, Tupelo, Mississippi, advised SA JOHN S. CASTLES and SA FRANCIS G. HONAN that JOHN MILBURN WILLARD was employed by him as a mechanic in 1963 and left his employment on March 5, 1964. He is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Height	Five feet four inches
Weight	110 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown.

He previously worked at Sowers Motors, Incorporated, Rolla, Missouri, Druitt Motors, Sedalia, Missouri, and Kinden Motor Company, Poplar Bluff, Missouri. STRANGE stated that WILLARD had returned to Sedalia, Missouri, in 1964 and he believes he is working for J. W. SHEPHERD at a Volkswagen dealership in Kansas City.

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J. L. COLLUMS, Pontotoc County, Mississippi, advised SA JOHN S. CASTLES and SA FRANCIS G. HONAN on April 5, 1968, he is a neighbor of JOHN H. WILLARD. He and WILLARD both live in a rural area of Pontotoc County and WILLARD is his closest neighbor. He said that on April 4, 1968, he observed WILLARD around 5:30 or 6:00 mowing his lawn. He could furnish no additional pertinent information.

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DEWEY WEEMS, Investigator, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD on April 5, 1968, their records show the following information regarding JOHN H. WILLARD.

He is a white male, born [REDACTED] and as of March 4, 1967, he resided at Route 1, Ecu, Pontotoc County, Mississippi. He has Mississippi driver's license number 1157809. His records reflect that in 1963 he was involved in two automobile accidents. In 1964 he was involved in an automobile accident and license was suspended. On October 13, 1965, he was charged with speeding and paid a \$10.00 fine. On October 13, 1965, he was driving a 1963 Chevrolet truck. On December 26, 1966, he was charged with speeding and fined \$15.00. On March 4, 1967, he was charged with reckless driving and fined \$15.00. All of the above occurred in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol records reflect he was arrested for the crime of arson committed on June 25, 1958, and sentenced to three years probation. This was handled by the Pontotoc County Sheriff's Office. He is not presently wanted by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. On April 5, 1968, records of the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, were reviewed by SA JAMES W. SAMMON and revealed no record for JOHN H. WILLARD or JOHN WILLARD.

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Mrs. ETTA STRAIN, Driver's License Division, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, advised SA PETER J. RYAN on April 9, 1968, their records show that JOHN MILBURN WILLARD, Mississippi operator's license number 1607080, had a Mississippi license to expire in March, 1965, and there has been no renewal. He is a white male, born [REDACTED], blue eyes, brown hair, five feet six inches, 132 pounds, address 204 Nanney Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA PETER J. RYAN at Jackson, Mississippi:

On April 5, 1968, Mrs. KATHERINE EASTERLING,  
Secretary, Mississippi State Probation and Parole Board,  
State Capitol Building, furnished the following information  
from Parole Board file number 6920 concerning JOHN H.  
WILLARD:

The following information is reflected in Parole  
Board memorandum dated June 30, 1958:

JOHN H. WILLARD was sentenced June 25, 1958, with  
HERMAN DANIEL to three years probation for the offense of  
arson, which resulted from the subject's burning an automobile  
in Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

WILLARD was born in Pontotoc County, Mississippi,  
but his family has resided in Memphis, Tennessee, or vicinity  
for a number of years and has resided also in Pleasant Hill,  
Mississippi. Subject's father is ENIS, age 54, and his mother is  
MAMIE, age 48. Subject's father is a farm foreman for the  
Dudley Bridgforth Farm in Pleasant Hill, Mississippi.

The following individuals were listed as members  
of his family:

LYNDER WILLARD, age 26, 1553 Fairfax Street,  
Memphis, Tennessee (upholsterer),



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JUNE BLACK, age 24, 1521 Hopewell, Memphis, Tennessee, (Sears Roebuck and Company),

JEAN BULLIGHTON, age 24, Hernando, Mississippi, (housewife),


KENNETH WILLARD, age 18, Peach Street, Memphis, Tennessee,

BETTY JOYCE WILLIAMS, age 22, Peach Street, Memphis Tennessee, (housewife).

BETTY JOYCE WILLIAMS's husband is also an upholsterer, and all the above listed individuals, including JOHN H. WILLARD, are employed by the Gaines Manufacturing Company (a furniture manufacturer) in Memphis, Tennessee.

WILLARD has been married one time to the former BARBARA NELLE DYE, Ecru, Mississippi, and they have one son, RANDALL JOE WILLARD, eight months old. They currently reside at 1850 Jefferson Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

The following description is reflected in the above mentioned memorandum:

Name	JOHN H. WILLARD
Residence	1850 Jefferson Street, Memphis, Tennessee
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Pontotoc County, Mississippi
Complexion	Ruddy

File number 6920 reflects subject's probation term was ended May 1, 1961. The following addresses and employments were noted for WILLARD in the monthly probation reports contained in this file:

December 22, 1958, employed by Gaines Manufacturing Company,

August, 1959 to March, 1961, employed by Southern Industries (furniture manufacturer), Pontotoc, Mississippi,

May 3, 1961, employed by Maynard Manufacturing Company, Pontotoc, Mississippi as machine operator.

WILLARD resided at Route 1, Ecrú, Mississippi as of May 3, 1961, the last date that was noted in this file.

While WILLARD was in Memphis, Tennessee, on probation from Mississippi, he was under the supervision of Memphis Parole Officer JOSEPH C. MITCHELL, from approximately July 28, 1958 to December 22, 1958.

WILLARD was arrested with one HERMAN DANIEL for the above offense of arson in June, 1958. DANIEL is described as a white male; born [REDACTED] in Lafayette County, Mississippi; hair brown; eyes brown; height five feet nine inches; 170 pounds; and complexion is ruddy. DANIEL's residence as of June, 1958, was 1765 Fairmont, Memphis. His mother is listed as MAUDE LEE DANIEL, residing at Route 2, Pontotoc, Mississippi. DANIEL was released from probation on June 25, 1962.

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TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, Jackson (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re Newark teletype to Director, 4/12/68.

On 4/12/68 Mr. REX P. ARMISTEAD (NA), Chief Investigator, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Miss., was interviewed by SA'S JAMES A. ABBOTT and L. DEAN PAARMANN. ARMISTEAD, who is completely cooperative with the Jackson Office, advised that he is the same person who was formerly the Security Officer for U. S. Overseas Airlines, formerly based at Cape May, New Jersey. ARMISTEAD, who is now almost bald, now bears little resemblance to the individual described in the composite drawing of Reverend KING's murderer. ARMISTEAD further advised that at the time of Reverend KING's murder, he was in a conference with other law enforcement officers regarding armed robbery matters at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and did not return to Jackson, Miss., until the evening of April 5, 1968.

In view of ARMISTEAD's current law enforcement position and whereabouts at the time of Reverend KING's murder, no further investigation regarding this suspect being conducted.

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FBI NEWARK

1235PM URGENT 4-12-68 ELF

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND JACKSON  
FROM NEWARK (44-854) (P)

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SUSPECT REX ARMSTEAD:

MR. CLAUDE BROWN, CAPE MAY, NJ, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED TODAY THAT HE IS FORMER SALES MGR. FOR US OVERSEAS AIRLINES WHICH WAS FORMERLY BASED AT CAPE MAY BEFORE CEASING OPERATIONS ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO. HE STATED THE COMPANY HAD A SECURITY OFFICER BY THE NAME OF REX ARMSTEAD WHO WAS FROM MISS. AND WAS A VIOLENT RACIST. SUSPECT HAD BEEN A DEPUTY SHERIFF IN MISS. BEFORE JOINING COMPANY AND LEFT THE COMPANY SEVERAL YEARS AGO. HE ADVISED HE LAST HEARD OF SUSPECT WHEN JAMES MEREDITH WAS ENTERING UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI AND SUSPECT WAS ONE OF THE DEPUTY SHERIFFS AT THE SCHOOL. BROWN STATES HE SAW COMPOSITE DRAWING OF REV. KING'S MURDERER IN THE NEWSPAPER AND BELIEVED THAT ARMSTEAD BORE A STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO THE INDIVIDUAL. HE DESCRIBED ARMSTEAD

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AS WHITE MALE, IN HIS THIRTIES, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES,  
ONE SIXTY-ONE SIXTY FIVE, SLENDER BUILD, DARK HAIR,  
FLASHY DRESSER. HE DOES NOT KNOW WHERE SUSPECT'S HOME IS  
BUT THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE IN TUPELO, MISS. BROWN STATED THE  
ONLY REASON THAT HE CONSIDERED ARMSTEAD A SUSPECT WAS  
BECAUSE OF HIS RESEMBLANCE TO THE COMPOSITE DRAWING AND  
OF HIS VIOLENT RACIST ATTITUDE IN THE PAST. HE HAS NO  
CURRENT INFORMATION CONCERNING ARMSTEAD AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE  
OF ANY ACTIVITIES ON THE PART OF ARMSTEAD OR INDICATION  
THAT HE IS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER.

JACKSON ATTEMPT IDENTIFY ARMSTEAD AND ESTABLISH HIS  
WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIODS.

END ~~UNSUB~~ ~~CARMED~~ ~~BOARD~~ ~~DANGEROUS~~.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA PETER J. RYAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA PETER J. RYAN at Jackson.

On 4/9/68, ETTA STRAIN, Driver's License  
Division, MHSP, advised she could not locate a driver's  
license under the name HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.  
Miss STRAIN advised there is not license in the file under  
the surname LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

Miss STRAIN advised her files reflect the following  
persons with the name JOHN WILLARD or a combination of such  
name:

JOHN DAVID WILLARD, operator's license number  
1314071, is described as of 10/7/58, as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	6/6/28
Eyes	Gray
Hair	Brown
Weight	180
Height	5'10"
Address	2419 13th Avenue, Gulfport, Miss.
Remarks	Does not have a current Miss. driver's license.

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JOHN MILBURN WILLARD, operator's license number  
1607080, described as of 3/6/64 as:

Race	White
Sex	Male



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DOB	[REDACTED]
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Height	5'6"
Weight	132 pounds
Address	204 Nanney Drive, Tupelo, Miss.
Remarks	This license expired March, 1965, and there has been no renewal.

*only John H. Willard  
eliminated*  
*John Milburn Willard  
handled.*

JOHN RAY WILLARD, operator's license number 377358,  
described as of 8/3/40 as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	10/24/25
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Height	5'4"
Weight	120
Address	3705 Edgewood, Natchez, Miss. Current address is listed as Route 1, Box 20, Roxi, Miss.
Remarks	This license is good until September, 1969.

*led  
at Gambler*

FRED THOMAS, Sheriff, Hinds County, Miss., advised 4/9/68, that the alphabetical listing of vehicles registered in Hinds County as of October, 1967, does not contain the names LOWMEYER, LOWMYER, or the name JOHN WILLARD.

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529PM URGENT 4/12/68 GJM

TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

EACH OFFICE IS BEING FURNISHED, UNDER SEPARATE COVER,  
PHOTOGRAPHS OF TWO ARTISTS' CONCEPTIONS BASED ON DESCRIPTIONS  
OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT BY WITNESSES IN MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM  
RESPECTIVELY.

THESE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE FOR ASSISTANCE OF AGENTS  
HANDLING THIS INVESTIGATION AND ARE NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED  
OUTSIDE THE BUREAU.

NO INDICATION IS TO BE GIVEN THAT INVESTIGATION IS IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE CAPTIONED CASE.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND  
DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN  
(00: Memphis)

Re Jackson telephone calls this date to the Bureau, Atlanta, and Memphis.

Enclosed for Memphis, the office of origin, are twenty copies of an FD-302 with one copy each to the Bureau and designated offices, with the exception of two to New York.

REGGIE SMITH, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) cameraman, has furnished reliable information to the Jackson Office on several occasions over the past years.

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- 2 - Memphis (Enc.20)
- 1 - Birmingham (Enc.1)
- 1 - Atlanta (Enc.1)
- 1 - Los Angeles (Enc.1)

- 2 - New York (Enc.2)

- ② - Jackson (157-9586) *ef*

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Will contact CBS Officials, News Department,  
and review a sixteen millimeter sound film recorded  
by CBS cameraman REGGIE SMITH at Atlanta, Georgia,  
4/6/68.

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To: SAC, Albany

From: Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTERS

Many offices are using above caption in communications to the Bureau concerning a variety of activities and racial incidents arising out of the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr. This is creating problems from administrative and filing standpoints and should be discontinued immediately. Captions descriptive of the activity involved should be used in accordance with instructions in the FBI Handbook, page 154h of Part III.

For example, in reporting information concerning disturbances that may have occurred in Albany the caption "Racial Disturbances Following Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Albany, New York, April 9, 1968, Racial Matters" could be used.

② - All Offices

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Date: APRIL 12, 1968

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Via AIRTELAIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, JACKSON ((157-9586)) (P)

MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Jackson airtel 4/10/68 and Albany airtel 4/10/68.

RE THERMO-SEAL MACHINES MANUFACTURED BY  
TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Enclosed for the Bureau are six (6) enclosures setting forth samples of tape markings obtained from laundries within the State of Mississippi. They are as follows:

1. RAYMOND L. WILSON, Supervisor of Maintenance, Ellisville State School, Ellisville, Mississippi, made available tape strips from Thermo-Seal temporary identification machine model number H5K2, serial number 31214 and 31215. He said these machines were formerly used by

- 4 - Bureau (Enc 6) (AMRM)
  - 1 - Albany (44-493) (Info)
  - 1 - Atlanta (Info)
  - 1 - Birmingham (Info)
  - 1 - Los Angeles (Info)
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  - ② - Jackson *ef*
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Approved: *RKM*

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Mississippi State University, State College, Miss. He stated they have never used "02B-6". There is no one employed at the school named JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER, or ERIC STARVO GALT. No employees were missing from work on 3/29-30/68 or 4/3-4/68.

2. Several strips of laundry markings from a Poly Mark machine, Crescent Laundry, Hattiesburg, Miss., dated 4/10/68.

3. Samples of lettering and tape strips placed on cloth from Long's Laundry and Cleaners, Tupelo, Miss., Thermo-Seal marking machine serial numbers 31746 and 31728.

4. Strips on two separate cloths taken from two Poly Mark Machines at the University of Mississippi, serial number MC1247 and MC14182.

5. Five Thermo-Seal tapes which have been marked by manager "02B-6" from Thermo-Seal machine serial number 33742 located at Keesler Air Force Base Laundry, Biloxi, Miss. Tapes were obtained on 4/11/68.

6. Several tapes with lettering on cloth from Rex's Southern Cleaners, Hattiesburg, Miss., obtained from a Poly Mark machine.

The managers of the above establishments advised they do not use the lettering on the tapes as "02B-6" or "D2B-6". They are not familiar with these markings.

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The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare lettering and strips of tape enclosed with the two articles recovered at the scene of the shooting 4/4/68, a white Jockey T-shirt and checkered print undershorts, containing cloth laundry tags allegedly made by a Thermo-Seal marking machine manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. Results should be immediately furnished Memphis and interested offices. The enclosures need not be returned to Jackson and may be destroyed at the Bureau if of no value.



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TO: SAC, JACKSON

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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On this date ETHEL SCOTT, 61 Willow Avenue, Hempstead, NY, telephonically contacted Hempstead, NY, Police Department and advised that she had seen artist's conception of unknown subject and she felt quite certain that unknown subject was identical with an individual for whom she had previously worked in Marks, Mississippi.

SCOTT, upon interview, advised that between 1962 and 1965 she was employed as a maid for one JOE BARYS (PH), address unknown, Marks, Mississippi. She stated that 4/18/68 edition of Jet Magazine contained photograph of artist's conception of unknown subject, and she believes that photograph closely resembles BARYS mentioned above.

Miss SCOTT stated that BARYS during period 1962-65 was employed as a Mississippi highway patrolman and worked out of courthouse, Marks, Mississippi. She described BARYS as follows:

Age	Approximately 52 (in 1965)
Height	6'2"
Weight	200 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	Gray
Complexion	Medium

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1 - New York

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Approved: *J. E. [Signature]*

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Marital Status  
Wife  
Daughter  
Son

Married  
MARY (age approximately 30)

Miss SCOTT could furnish no additional pertinent information, but merely stated that artist's conception appearing in aforementioned magazine closely resembles her recollection of BARYS mentioned above.

LEAD

JACKSON

At Marks, Mississippi

Will conduct appropriate investigation to eliminate or identify BARYS as unknown subject in instant case.

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FBI WASH DC

247PM URGENT 4/12/68 CAB  
TO JACKSON AND MEMPHIS  
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P.

MURKIN

JACKSON SHOULD INSURE THAT THE ENTIRE PERIOD FROM  
MARCH TWENTY-NINE TO APRIL FOUR IS ACCOUNTED FOR BY SUSPECT  
JOHN WILLARD WHO WAS INTERVIEWED BY JACKSON AT TUPELO,  
MISSISSIPPI, ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTY-EIGHT.

NO INDICATION IS TO BE GIVEN THAT INVESTIGATION IS IN  
CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND  
DANGEROUS.

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advised  
to handle  
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